

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021



### VINEYARD & VINTAGE

In Paso Robles wine country, Cabernet is King. Today, almost half of all vines planted in Paso Robles AVA are Cabernet Sauvignon. The Mediterranean climate offering warm days and cool nights, coupled with well-drained alluvial soil all echo the growing conditions of Bordeaux, France. This inevitably set the stage for local winemakers to produce world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, and so they have, making Cabernet one of the Flagship varietals of Paso.

Due to the geological diversity in the area, no two Cabernets are the same. Our vineyard estates at Bianchi Winery are tucked into the hills of the Geneseo District, on the East side of the Paso Robles AVA. The more granular, calcareous soils of the East side help maintain natural acidity and a strong backbone in our wines. Our blend of three highly regarded clones (Clone 8, Clone 337, & Clone 191,) produces a fruit-forward style of Paso Robles Cabernet that is also rich, structured and well-balanced. Such a unique blend stemming from the Geneseo District of Paso Robles creates a truly special expression of the terroir here.

2021 was a very special vintage for our Cabernet Sauvignon, as the last of our estate fruit was used for this wine before the vines were removed and replanted. 60% of the grapes were grown on our Bianchi Estate Vineyards, and the remaining 40% was brought in from Plummer Vineyard, just north of us in the Estrella District of Paso Robles. The wine was aged for 22 months in 30% New French Oak barrels, imprinting subtle but deep nuances of sweet cedar and baking spices.

### REGION & VARIETAL COMPOSITION



### TASTING & PAIRINGS

This Cabernet Sauvignon displays deep purple and ruby hues with a defined rim variation. The nose is rich and complex, offering herbaceous notes of green peppercorn and cool graphite, balanced by hints of dark chocolate. On the palate, it reveals bold flavors of black currant and black cherry, complemented by a touch of vanilla from oak aging. The wine's full-bodied structure is supported by smooth tannins and a lingering, elegant finish. Pair this 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon with a grilled ribeye, braised short ribs, or a sharp aged cheddar!

