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2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON PASO ROBLES

VINTAGE

California was blessed by a stellar vintage in 2015. In spite of drought conditions, light yields and a very early harvest, quality is exceptional. A mild winter fostered an early bud break and bloom, however, unseasonably cold spring temperatures followed which resulted in smaller berries and grape clusters. The warm and dry summer days hastened ripening and growers began picking in late July with all grapes in by the end of September - a very compact harvest season! Cabernet Sauvignon shows firm tannins, dense black fruit character and deep color.

WINEMAKING

Our Cabernet and Petite Sirah hail from vineyards on Paso's east side. This region, marked by a combination of warm temperatures, cool nights and gravelly well-draining soils, allow Bordeaux varietals to maintain their natural acidity yet offer ripe, smooth tannins. During fermentation, the juice is pumped over two to three times daily to extract color, flavor and tannin from the fruit. Once fermention was complete, the wine was gently pressed and racked into French and American oak (15% new) for 16 months of aging.

WINERY NOTES

Allston Estate Cabernet Sauvignon leads with bright fruit aromas and hints of sage. On the palate, ripe black plum, black cherry and currant flavors mingle with dark chocolate. Tannins are rich yet supple leading to a lovely, lingering finish.

FOOD PAIRING

The balance of acidity and soft tannins make this wine a great food partner. Enjoy with ribs, grilled ribeye steak and meatballs.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

APPELLATION: Paso Robles

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Sirah

TOTAL ACID: .61 g/100 ml

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ALCOHOL: 14%