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Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 + PASO ROBLES

WINE ENTHUSIAST 93 POINTS, EDITOR'S CHOICE

JAMES SUCKLING 93 POINTS

The fruit for our 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon was selected from two of our estate vineyards in Paso Robles — Creston Valley and Huerhuero. Huerhuero Vineyard, in the hilly terrain between the El Pomar and Geneseo Districts, benefits from the moderating Pacific breezes and limiting calcareous subsoils. Creston Valley Vineyard has picture perfect high terrain, southern exposure and shallow soils with noticeable granulated limestone. The combination of these vineyards produces Cabernet Sauvignon with an overall balance of expressive varietal flavors and structure.

All the blocks were picked at tasted ripeness and sorted in the early morning to ensure quality and integrity of the berries. The fruit was then crushed at our state-of-the-art winery into temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks with tailored pump overs determined each day during fermentation to extract essential color and flavors from the skins while also balancing tannins for overall mouthfeel. After pressing, the wine was racked into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and aging. The wine was aged a total of 20 months in French, Hungarian and American oak barrels from selected cooperages and stored in climate-controlled rooms for added mouthfeel and complexity. Upon the first 8 months of aging, extensive blending trials were conducted before the final lots were selected and blended for overall synergies. A bit of Petit Verdot was added to enhance structure. The final blend was then aged in barrels for an additional 12 months to fully integrate before bottling. The result is a wine displaying distinctive varietal flavors, structure, richness and balanced mouthfeel.

Tasting Notes

COLOR: Dark ruby/garnet

AROMA: Cassis, cherries and notes of licorice with hints of juniper berry, tobacco and mocha TASTE: Full-bodied with juicy red and dark fruits, mocha and a firm chewy finish

Technical Notes

HARVEST DATES BRIXO VINEYARD BLEND

09.23.21 - 10.24.21 26.0 Creston Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 47%
Huerhuero Cabernet Sauvignon 37%

Huerhuero Petit Verdot 16%

AGING: 20 months in French, Hungarian and American oak barrels

BOTTLING DATE: 06.07.23
CASES PRODUCED: 24,7II
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
PH: 3.69

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.9 g/L

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