

## Poppy Cabernet Sauvignon

## Paso Robles

Vintage: 2020

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellations: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Sunny Slope & San Juan Harvest Dates: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

Vinification: 10 Days by Thermovinification & Traditional Maceration

Analysis: Alcohol 13.73%, TA .57, pH 3.69

<u>Vineyards:</u> With a greater day-to-night temperature swing than any other appellation in California, distinct microclimates, diverse soils, and long growing season, Paso Robles is a unique wine region with optimal growing conditions for producing premium and ultra-premium wines, with a focus on Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, and Syrah. Our grapes are coming from two different vineyards situated in proximity to each other. The combination of grapes coming from the young vines of the Sunny Slope, and from the old vines of San Juan creates the best balance and increases the flavor complexity of our wine.

<u>Winemaking:</u> Part of the grapes was going through the thermovinification process and fermented together with freshly crushed grapes. The temperature of the fermentation was moderate, never hot, to preserve the fruit and to extract only a moderate amount of tannins from the seeds. The fermented grapes were pressed still sweet and when reached dryness the wine was moved to small French oak barrels for about one year and a half of aging.

**Tasting Notes**: This wine displays blueberry, black cherry, and currant flavors with nuances of licorice, violets, and cigar box all wrapped together with a dash of vanilla and mocha. Medium to full-bodied, well-balanced, with soft tannins, this wine shows tremendous dimension, with a seamless finish that lingers throughout the palate. Pair with dishes more on the savory side, lamb, and roasted meats. This wine is designed to drink well within four years of its vintage date however it will be at its best starting around 2020.