



2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



*A versatile, traditionally
crafted Paso Robles
Cabernet*

Varietal Composition:
Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:
Paso Robles

Bottling Data:
pH: 3.77
Total Acidity: 0.6g/100mL
Alcohol: 14.0% by volume

Release Date:
February 2018

Philosophy

With attractive aromas of black fruit and spice, this smooth, ready to drink Cabernet Sauvignon is made with the same care as the highest quality, traditionally crafted Bordeaux styled wines. Our grapes are hand-picked and sorted by the berry for consistent quality and flavor. JUSTIN Cabernet Sauvignon then spends more than a year in traditional small oak barrels to impart depth and complexity, highlighting the influence that our limestone rich soils and unique climate of Paso Robles add to the classic Cabernet character of this exceptional wine.

Vintage Notes

The 2016 vintage started with a warm winter, with near normal precipitation levels. The rain was helpful to replenish the underlying soils a bit for the coming vintage, but not enough to break a five-year drought. The spring was warm, causing an early bud break followed by a cooling period that prolonged the flowering season without negatively affecting pollination, spreading out the season a bit. June and July were warm with veraison only slightly earlier than normal, but lasting a bit longer due to the variable flowering times seen in the spring. August stayed warm through early September when things cooled a bit, allowing the remaining fruit to continue to develop beautifully through September and October balancing ripeness and maturity in our cabernet sauvignon parcels and giving the balanced character that has defined our JUSTIN Cabernet Sauvignon in each vintage.

Vinification

Fermentation: UV43 yeast and twice daily pumpovers, in open and closed top stainless steel tanks

Maturation: Barrel aged for 14 months in American oak (25% new)

Tasting Notes by *Jim Gerakaris, CWE - JUSTIN Winery Sommelier*

Appearance: Deep purple ruby core, slightly lighter at the rim showing slight staining on the glass.

Aroma: Aromatic with black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, attractive oak and complex cigar box notes with cocoa and a subtle purple floral note.

Palate: Dry, moderate plus bodied, with ripe blackcurrant, black cherry and a touch of red fruit brightness on the entry. Balanced oak, vanilla spice and brioche notes mixed with classic savory cabernet varietal cues mingle on the mid-palate. The finish is moderately long and fresh with sustained rounded fruit and lingering baking spice balanced nicely by firm, smooth tannins. This is a perfect go-to red that's great with variety of pairings from pasta Bolognese to Wagyu burgers, or try it with a variety of freshly baked wood-fired pizzas. Its versatility is amazing.