T R E A N A 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon has long been part of the Hope family's viticultural history. Growing up in his family's vineyards, Austin Hope has spent much of his life around the fabled varietal. Three important individuals would help mentor his character; Austin's father Chuck Hope and his uncle Paul paved the way for his future success, instilling in him life lessons of perseverance and determination, while winemaker Chuck Wagner taught him the nuances of crafting world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. As a TRIBUTE to the three men who helped influence his path, Austin Hope created Treana Cabernet Sauvignon – a wine that encapsulates the quintessential learnings over the course of his career.

HARVEST NOTES

2019 was a challenging growing season. Above average rainfall persisted throughout the spring with the last rainfall occurring May 31st. These conditions kept the spring free of frost threats but relatively cool, leading to slow vine growth. The cooler weather also delayed fruit development. The summer months were somewhat erratic with short heat waves followed by cooler periods. These conditions helped the vines and clusters to somewhat catch up. Ultimately, the cooler weather persisted with only a few autumn heat spikes, leading to slower berry maturities and a later harvest. Midlate October brought overnight freezes which required some harvest mitigation, but by early November harvest was complete.

WINEMAKING NOTES

After harvest, vineyard lots were fermented individually in stainless-steel tanks for 10- 14 days. Extended macerations and carefully managed pump overs enhanced the extraction of color and tannin. The lots were aged separately for 14 months in a combination 25% once used French Oak and 75% neutral French and American oak. The initial blend was assembled in early January 2021 and aged an additional three months in 100% new French Oak. The wine was racked only twice during its cellar life, with the final racking occurring just prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet truly defines the best of Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. With a deep garnet color and luscious viscosity aromas of dark chocolate, ground coffee and fresh leather. On the palate, intense dark fruit, sweet vanilla, black pepper balanced by bright acidity and fine dusty tannins create a long rich mouth feel.

VARIETAL(S): 90% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 5% PETITE SIRAH, 4% MERLOT, 1% PETIT VERDOT AVA: PASO ROBLES
HARVEST DATE: 10/15 – 10/25, 11/1, 11/7/2019
OAK PROGRAM: 25% 1X USED FRENCH OAK, 75% NEUTRAL FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK
TIME IN OAK: 17 MONTHS
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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