

Austin Hope

RESERVE 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND EXCITEMENT THAT WE HAVE CRAFTED OUR FOURTH RELEASE OF THE AUSTIN HOPE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON. THROUGH OUR EXTENDED BARREL AGEING PROCESS, THIS WINE HAS DEVELOPED UNPRECEDENTED STRUCTURE AND CHARACTER.

Growing Notes

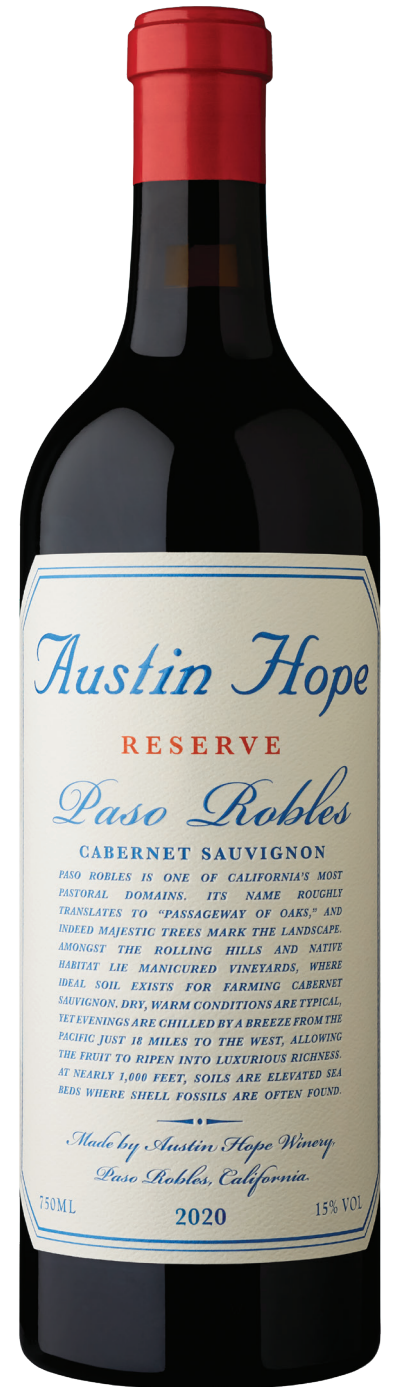
The 2020 early growing season was near normal. Rainfall occurred mainly in early winter and early spring and seasonal totals were just below average. Vine growth and berry development was typical through spring. Summer brought unusual heatwaves which slowed berry development, keeping them small with a desirable skin to juice ratio. October was warm and dry, aiding in fruit maturity. Harvest was condensed as most Paso Robles Cabernet ripened at the same time with ideal color and flavors.

Winemaking Notes

The making of Austin Hope Reserve Cabernet begins with small lot fermentations separated by individual vineyard blocks which receive daily pump-overs for maximum extraction. These lots are constantly supervised, tasted & analyzed for tannin and anthocyanins in order to determine optimal length of extended maceration after fermentation. Once drained and pressed, the young wines are barreled down into a combination of 25% once used and 75% neutral French Oak. In the early Summer of 2021, these lots, already earmarked for the 2020 Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon, are tasted by the winemaking team to further isolate individual barrels that display exceptional quality and character for the Reserve program. Once the initial blend was defined, the Reserve wine lots were aged an additional 9 months in 50% new French Oak. In spring of 2022 the lots were blended and received an additional 25% new oak. The wine was racked a final time in June of 2022, just prior to being bottled in July.

Tasting Notes

This Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has quickly become our most sought-after wine. It displays an abundance of fresh baked blueberry pie aromas and rich notes of cracked black pepper. On the palate, flavors evolve with fruit forward notes, vanilla bean, cacao and a hint of dried tobacco leaf. The wine finishes with integrated tannins that are soft and supple, accentuating the power and depth of this full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon.



VARIETAL(S): Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Small chosen blocks from Paso Robles AVA's:

Estrella, Highlands, San Juan Creek, Geneseo, and El Pomar Districts

HARVEST DATE: 10/19 – 10/26/2020

TIME IN OAK: 20 months

ALCOHOL: 15%

PASO ROBLES DEFINED

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