

# Austin Hope

## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Paso Robles is one of California's most pastoral domains. Its name roughly translates to "Passageway of Oaks," and indeed, majestic trees mark the landscape. Amongst the rolling hills and native habitat lie manicured vineyards, where ideal soil exists for farming Cabernet. Dry, warm conditions are typical, yet evenings are chilled by a breeze from the Pacific Ocean just 18 miles to the west, allowing fruit to ripen into luxurious richness.

### *Harvest Notes*

We source our Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon from nine of the eleven districts in the Paso Robles AVA: Each region contributing unique characteristics to the depth of the final wine. The Estrella district known for its loamy and gravelly river plain slopes and canyons. Creston, known for its large daily diurnal swings aided by the Templeton Gap maritime breezes that make it to the Creston area by early afternoon each day during the growing season. The high flats of the Paso Robles Highlands are near the eastern borders of the AVA, yet receive cooling breezes each day straight from the coast 45 miles away. San Miguel district has large rolling hills and is situated on ancient river plains' and riverbanks that produce an intriguing blend of soils with both loam, gravel and calcareous deposits.

### *Winemaking Notes*

After harvesting the grapes, select 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 11 months in a combination of 10% new, 25% once used, and 65% two to three times used French Oak. Through a combination of tasting and analytics our best lots were determined, and the initial blend was assembled in late summer of 2022. As a whole, this blend was aged an additional two months in 75% new and 25% once used French Oak. The wine was racked just twice during its cellar life, with the final racking occurring just prior to bottling.

### *Tasting Notes*

Dark ruby in color, the 2021 Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon expresses aromas of freshly picked black currants, ripe and blackberries, with subtle notes of violets, mocha and dried spices. On the palate, it's a luscious modern-styled wine layered with an abundance of juicy olallieberry and cherry fruit, while nuances of cedar, clove, nutmeg and vanilla bean round out the long smooth finish. Full-bodied and rich, balanced by fresh acidity and integrated, polished tannins.

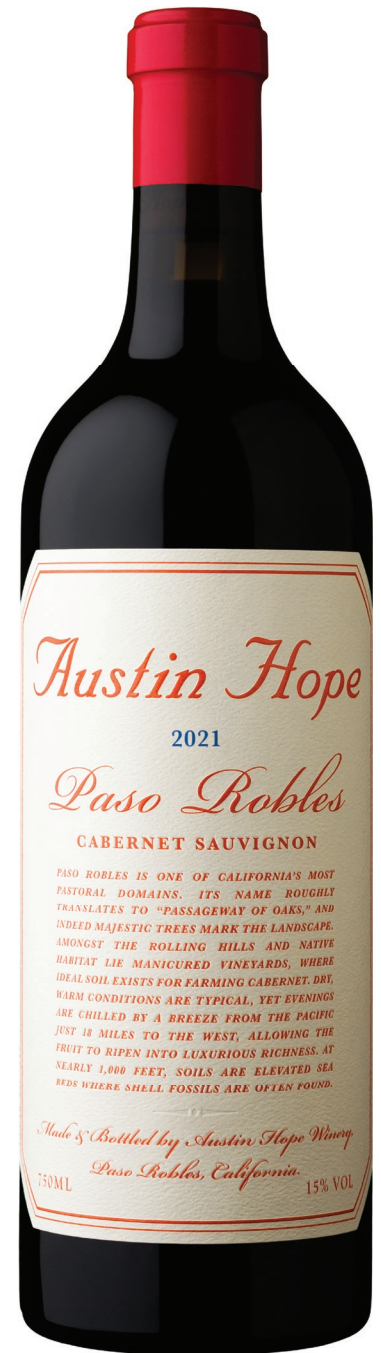
*"The goal for this Cabernet is simple – to make wine that expresses all that Paso has to offer, with its pastoral beauty, perfect soils, maritime climate and limitless possibility."*

*– Austin Hope, Owner/Winemaker*

**VARIETAL:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**AVA:** Paso Robles (Estrella, Creston, Geneseo, Highlands, San Juan Creek, El Pomar District, San Miguel, Templeton Gap, Adelaida)

**HARVEST:** 9/24 – 9/29, 10/12-10/13, 10/28 – 10/30, 11/8



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