

Austin Hope

2022 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

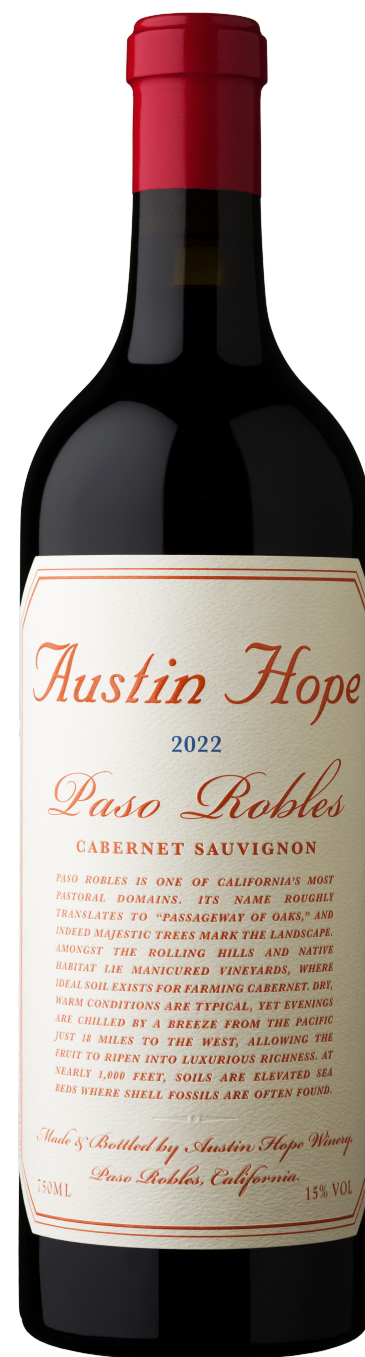
The 2022 growing season was slightly warmer than average temperature throughout. While mild in spring with few frost events, the summer months were mild with unusually long heat events lasting five to seven days. Veraison was fairly mild and berries quickly matured. Early September saw very warm temperatures for an extended period. This rapidly increased brix and grapes were harvested about a week earlier than normal.

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 14 months in a combination of 25% once used, and 75% 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 December of 2023. As a whole, this blend was aged an additional two months in 75% new and 25% once used French Oak. The wine was raked just twice during its cellar life, with the final racking occurring just prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Dark ruby in color, the 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(S): Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Paso Robles (Estrella, Geneseo, San Juan Creek, Creston, El Pomar, Highlands, San Miguel)

HARVEST: 9/13 – 9/16, 10/7 – 10/19/2022

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