Austin Hope

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Paso Robles

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 just 18 miles to the west, allowing fruit to ripen into luxurious richness. At nearly 1,000 feet, soils are elevated sea beds where shell fossils are often found.

2015 Growing Season & Production

The 2015 growing season marked one of the driest vintages in the history of Paso Robles. However, these dry conditions brought the added benefit of smaller berries which allowed us to have even better concentration in the wine. Vines were tended individually throughout the growing season, from pruning to thinning of clusters to removing leaves for optimal sun exposure and dropping clusters to ensure high-quality wine.

Jasting Notes:

Deep ruby in color, the 2015 Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon expresses aromas of freshly picked black currants, ripe black cherries and blackberries, with subtle notes of violets, mocha and dried spices. On the palate, it's a big, powerful, modern-styled wine layered with heaps of juicy blackberry and cherry fruit, while nuances of cedar, clove, nutmeg and vanilla bean round out the long smooth finish. It's full-bodied and rich, balanced by fresh acidity and firm, 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 HARVEST DATE: Sep 20th – Oct 15th, 2015

VINEYARDS: Small chosen blocks in the following AVAs of Paso Robles: Creston, Estrella, Adelaida, El Pomar and Willow Creek Districts

BOTTLED: Aug 22nd, 2017 OAK PROGRAM: 75% new French Oak TIME IN OAK: 18 months

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