

# QUEST

CABERNET BLEND FROM PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

Quest is a new wine that aims to express the increasingly recognized potential and excitement of Paso Robles. It is a Cabernet-based blend that showcases the luscious softness and depth produced in our mountainous, oak-studded, maritime-influenced home. Cabernet thrives in Paso's semi-arid, rocky soils, and this wine is fruit-forward, with a toasty vanilla finish and grippy tannins. Quest has been aged in American oak barrels, yet displays an inherent softness. It reflects the region's richly diverse terrain, where hidden pockets of exceptional vineyards account for its unique character.

## 2018 HARVEST

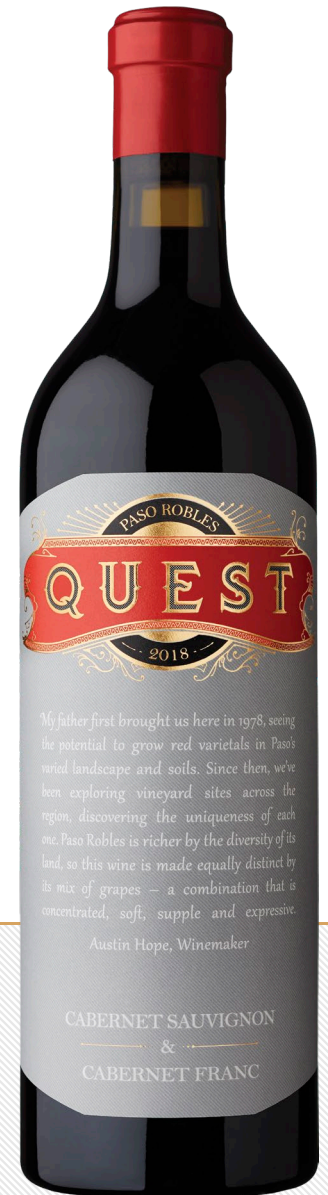
The 2018 growing season gave us near-normal rainfall and mild conditions through spring with only a few weeks of exception. July brought a short period of very warm weather that slowed vine growth and berry sizing. Fortunately, moderate weather for the remainder of the growing season enabled vines to thrive. Leading up to harvest, the vines slow berry maturity was ideal for "hang time" resulting in predicted yields, high fruit quality with amazing color and structure.

## WINEMAKING

The Cabernet & Cabernet Franc are harvested and fermented individually by vineyard lots and then aged in American oak barrels. The lots were racked twice during barrel ageing, blended together and put into 65% New American oak barrels for an additional 3 months. Just prior to bottling the wine is filtered. The 2018 Quest Red Wine was aged for a total of 20 months in oak, blended in spring of 2020 and bottled in July of 2020.

## TASTING

The most recent release of our Quest blend displays a beautiful creamy vanilla nose with hints of sweet mint and coco. These aromas continue through the palette and evolve into rich flavors of black berry, dark chocolate, fresh tobacco and slight herbaceous accent. As the flavor evolves bright acidity coats the palette and soft supple tannins create rich integrated finish.



**VARIETALS:** CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC

**AVA:** PASO ROBLES

**HARVEST DATE:** 9/29, 10/9-10/10, 10/30/2018

**OAK PROGRAM:** 65% NEW AMERICAN OAK

**TIME IN OAK:** 20 MONTHS

**ALCOHOL:** 14.50%