

# 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 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc that showcases the luscious softness and depth produced in our mountainous, oak-studded, maritime-influenced home. Both noble grapes thrive 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.

## 2020 HARVEST

The 2020 growing season and harvest was near normal in some ways and very unusual in others. Rainfall was 12% below average with the bulk of the storms occurring in early winter and early spring. Spring frost threats were mild. Vine growth and berry development was normal through spring. Then, summer brought several heatwaves that lasted for days at a time. This pattern slowed berry development. October was warm and dry, which helped to quickly mature clusters. Harvest was condensed and flurried as most fruit ripened at the same time. Yields were down by 20% but initial and thorough testing showed very promising quality and no damage from the wildfire smoke from the fires that burned to the north and south of Paso Robles.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The Cabernet & Cabernet Franc are harvested and fermented individually by vineyard lots and then aged in used 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 2020 Quest Red Wine was aged for a total of 12 months in oak, blended in summer of 2021 and bottled in late October of 2021.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2020 Quest is a blend of Cabernet and Cabernet Franc. These two varietals work seamlessly together displaying notes of fresh menthol, ripe cherry and dark coco powder. The aromas continue through the palate and are elevated with flavors of cedar-spice and warm vanilla. This medium bodied wine finishes with nuances of warm vanilla and smooth layered tannins, the finish is dry yet supple.



**VARIETALS:** CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC

**AVA:** PASO ROBLES

**HARVEST DATE:** 10/9, 10/13, 10/21/2020

**OAK PROGRAM:** 9 MONTHS IN USED AMERICAN OAK, 3 MONTHS IN 65% NEW AMERICAN OAK

**TIME IN OAK:** 12 MONTHS

**ALCOHOL:** 14.50%