

Austin Hope

2016

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.

2016 Growing Season & Production

The 2016 wine grape harvest was early, with a normal yield of exceptional quality fruit, and a relatively even growing season. The anticipated El Niño gave us about 22 inches of rain in the Adelaida district and 11 inches in the Creston district in Paso Robles, which was much needed after the four prior drought years. The overall 2016 vintage delivered high quality fruit with outstanding color and fruit intensity.

Tasting Notes:

Dark ruby in color, the 2016 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:** Sep 24h – Oct 17th, 2016

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

BOTTLED: July 2018 **OAK PROGRAM:** 75% new French Oak **TIME IN OAK:** 18 months

