2020

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles 100% Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD

The 2020 vintage was unforgettable. For the first half of the growing season our vineyards were an escape from the rest of the world with well-timed rains in the spring, no frost events and moderate to cool temperatures through July. However, conditions changed dramatically in August and September with two separate weeks of record-breaking heat which accelerated ripening. In addition, fires to the north and south of us brought periods of smoke exposure. Despite these challenges, three of our Cabernet Sauvignon blocks performed exceptionally well. We harvested blocks 3, 12 & 21 on October 9th.

WINEMAKING

This wine shows the powerful, opulent nature that Westside Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon is renowned for. We destemmed the grapes and fermented the deeply hued juice in stainless steel tanks. A long, slow maceration maximized color and concentrated flavor. We aged the wine in French oak barrels for about 18 months. Our Winemakers tasted each barrel and selected the top 16 barrels out of 180 for this Reserve bottling. We blended those 16 barrels together and returned the wine to oak barrels to age for an additional eight months. This wine is rich and layered, with elegant tannins and a beautiful balance of cherry, dark cocoa and cedar flavors.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	337, 33, 169
BLOCKS	HH3, HH12, HH21
AVERAGE BRIX	25.5°
pH/TA	3.8/5.8 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.7%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.3 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	26 months
COOPERAGE	100 % new French oak

