

GUNSIGHT

— ROCK —



BLEND 93% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING NOTES

Deliciously pure, vibrant and rich, our 2012 Gunsight Rock Cabernet Sauvignon is garnet in color and features an aromatic nose filled with tiers of blackberry, sweet leather and a hint of smokiness. Beautiful notes of Belgian milk chocolate, nutmeg and black pepper add layers of complexity to the bold fruit profile. Flavors of black currants and fresh fig mingle effortlessly with mocha, which comes from the 12 months of American oak aging. This wine has a seamless finish, sailing on in unison with the structured tannins. The mouth-watering acidity in the mid-palate will pair nicely with a variety of cuisines. Enjoy with a slow-cooked rack of lamb, NY strip steak with baked potato or wild mushroom risotto.

APELLATION

Paso Robles wine country is centrally located between San Francisco and Los Angeles along California's Central Coast. As one of California's fastest growing wine regions and largest geographic appellation, the territory encompasses more than 26,000 vineyard acres and more than 200 wineries. With a greater day-to-night temperature swing than most other appellations in the golden state, distinct microclimates, diverse soils and a long growing season, Paso Robles is a unique wine region blessed with optimal growing conditions for producing premium and ultra-premium wines.

Unlike other surrounding appellations with deep, rich fertile valley soils, over 45 soil types are found in the Paso Robles AVA. These are primarily bedrock derived soils from weathered granite, older marine sedimentary rocks, volcanic rocks and younger marine sedimentary rocks of the Miocene age Monterey Formation featuring calcareous shales, sandstone or mudstone. Between the combination of climate and diverse soils, wines from Paso Robles display vibrantly ripened fruit with dynamic flavor profiles.

Our 2012 Gunsight Rock Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from the east side of the Paso Robles appellation, just outside the town of Shandon. These vines get a lot of sunlight and good heat next to an abandoned river bed, the result is a rich balanced Cabernet Sauvignon. The seven percent Merlot in this wine adds a wonderful roundness to the palate, and is sourced from the vineyard next door.

VINTAGE

Having weathered a challenging 2011 vintage in which an early frost reduced yields by as much as 50%, Paso Robles winemakers enjoyed a more "normal" growing season in 2012. A cool and dry spring was followed by a hotter than average summer compounded by a pair of late season heat waves that brought the grapes to perfect levels of ripeness. The sustained heat put water stress on the vines, which kept cluster sizes small while concentrating the flavors in the grapes that emerged. As a result, yields here were just average, unlike the rest of the state, but the quality of the fruit was impressive displaying rich color, deeply concentrated flavors, naturally balanced acidity and excellent structure.

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WINEMAKER Greg Kitchens

OAK AGING 12 months

OAK SOURCING 80% American, 20% French Oak
80% New, 20% Seasoned

ALCOHOL 13.5%

PH 3.69 **TA** 6.0 g/L

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