

GUNSIGHT

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2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKING NOTES

Polished, vibrant and distinctive, our 2013 Gunsight Rock Cabernet Sauvignon features aromatic complexity, marked with a mix of perfumed sandalwood, cherry and red plum fruit. This beautifully crafted wine is delicate and graceful, flavors of pomegranate, hibiscus flowers and exotic spices predominate. Expressive tannins add to the already structured, full-bodied frame of this wine. The finish leaves you wanting more due to its depth and persistence. Enjoy with rack of lamb and herbed fingerling potatoes, porcini mushroom risotto or a blue cheese and fig salad.

APPELLATION

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 2013 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 thirteen percent Merlot in this wine adds a wonderful roundness to the palate, and is sourced from the vineyard next door.

VINTAGE

Without major fluctuations this growing season, Paso Robles was able to harvest grapes that exhibited richness, balance and fully mature tannins. In comparison to the surrounding California wine region, Paso Robles yields were down 20% due to another year of drought. The ground had amassed salt buildup because of the lack of rain, which impacted quantity of clusters able to healthily grow on the vine. The disappointed growers chose to look on the bright side and chase quality over quantity; as a result, the fruit was concentrated in flavor and displayed a wonderfully savory quality that is showcased in our red wine portfolio.

BLEND 83% Cabernet Sauvignon
13% Merlot
2% Syrah
1% Barbera
1% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION Paso Robles, CA

VINTAGE 2013

WINEMAKER Greg Kitchens

OAK AGING 6 months

OAK SOURCING 20% American, 80% French Oak
100% New

ALCOHOL 13.5%

PH 3.68 **TA** 6.1 g/L

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