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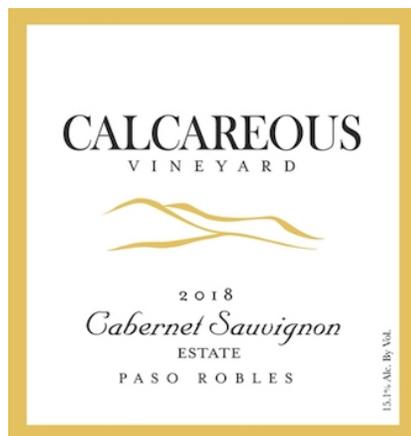
VINEYARD



Cabernet Sauvignon

2018

Calcareous Vineyard



The Calcareous vineyard was founded upon the idea of first and foremost growing exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon. The perfect combination of soil and climate allow our site to play to both the fruit and structural elements of the varietal, allowing us to produce one of our regions great examples of this most noble cultivar.

Vineyards and Vintage

This wine is almost entirely from our Block 2 planting, the highest and largest block in the vineyard. The top of our Estate is less steep, which has allowed for the accumulation of top soil. This captures more moisture and nutrients than the hill side Rhone plantings, making it a more suitable home for Cabernet and the smaller plantings of Merlot and Cab Franc. The bedrock below is still limestone rich though, and perhaps no other

varietal showcases the impressive blend of ripe fruit, bold structure and bright acid as does our Cabernet Sauvignon. This vintage produced perfect Paso Robles conditions of ample winter rainfall, gentle spring for flowering and fruit set, followed by warm but not overly hot summer providing perfect conditions for prolonged ripening.

Winemaking Notes

The fruit was handpicked, and cluster sorted in the winery before de-stemming. The whole

Blend	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc
Harvest	October 2-5
Avg Brix	25.9
pH	3.52
TA	6.7 g/L
Cooperage	20% French Orion, 20% French Atlier, 60% Neutral French
Aging	20 Months
Production	850 Cases

berries were moved uncrushed into 4-ton open concrete fermenters. The tanks were pumped over 2 times daily for the first 7 days to create an oxygen rich environment for the yeast. Once ferment was 70% complete, the routine was changed to twice daily punch downs to keep the cap wet and prolong the fermentation to allow extended maceration. After 16 days, the fruit was pressed and racked to barrels, a blend of 20% French Orion and 20% French Atlier new oak, with the balance being neutral. After 20 months, the wine was racked out, gently filtered to remove lees and then bottled.

Tasting

Deeply extracted ruby red in color, this Cabernet exudes plum, ripe raspberry and a hint of briny black olive. Pronounced early soft tannins frame the dark fruit character that builds in complexity and weight towards the finish. A blend of French and American oak helps create a subtly lingering finish showing more nuance and grace than is expected of New World Cabernet.