

Secret Cellars Cabernet

Paso Robles is a vast wine region in California, covering over 270,000 hectares. Although this is a large area, with differing elevation and micro-climates, Paso wines can be generalized as being ripe and juicy. Consistent warm temperatures allow grapes to ripen fully, developing sugars and dark skins. The result is wine with rich colour in the glass and higher alcohol content. Heat-seeking varieties like Syrah, Grenache, Zinfandel and Cabernet thrive in the Paso sun, but you can also find great examples of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Secret Cellars produce Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. The winery noted that the 2014 vintage in California was one of the earliest harvests. The Cab is harvested from vineyards on Paso's east side. A blend of 91% Cabernet and Petit Sirah, spending 16 months in both French and American oak. Enjoy tonight, or save until 2020. Chill to proper room temperature, 18C.



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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA, USA

14% ALCOHOL

\$25

HOW IT LOOKS

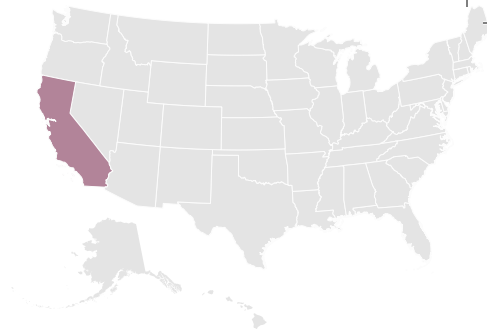
The California sun creates ripe berries, the richness of the grape skins creates a deep ruby hue.

HOW IT SMELLS

Classically, Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas and flavours of cassis, black currant and plum. We find all of these fruits, in addition to a deeper berry compote and campfire marshmallows. There is a savoury sweetness that is underlying of the dark fruits.

FOOD PAIRING

Visit the Blog to see our suggestions for the best Cut and Cab pairings. For the Secret Cellars, opt for a beef rib, grilled, medium-rare, with wine sauce.



HOW IT TASTES

Higher alcohol wines will have a weightier body, we would categorize this as medium +, smooth and mouth-filling. There is ample tannin, which is typical of Cabernet. The small berries have a high proportion of skin, pip and stem to flesh, which add tannin to the wine. The tannins and solid acidity is balanced with a juicy cherry cola, vanilla bean, smoky cedar, macerated black currants and bitter chocolate finish.

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