



PAYSAN

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petite Verdot,
3% Cabernet Pfeffer

San Benito County

Location: We sourced Cabernet Sauvignon from three vineyards: the 60-year-old Brigantino Vineyard originally planted for Almaden, the 45-year-old Wheeler Ranch growing in calcareous alluvial deposits over the San Benito Arroyo, and the 75-year-old Tres Pinos Creek Vineyard in silty alluvial deposits. All of our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards are either practicing organic, certified organic, or in the process of converting to organic farming. Petit Verdot is from Paicines AVA and Cabernet Pfeffer is from Cienega Valley AVA. All vineyards experience warm days and cold nights, typical of the Central Coast, allowing these late-ripening

Bordeaux varieties to be picked at high acidity and moderate sugars. This is a Cabernet Sauvignon off old vineyards, planted with old massale/clonal selections on old school rootstocks (St. George and AXR-1) made in a style reflective of the classic California cabernets of the 1970s.

Winemaking: Fermented whole berries (grapes that are destemmed) with a very light crush in open-top fermenters, allowing slower extraction, of tannins into the must and lots of oxygen into the fermentation for polymerization of tannins. Not inoculated for primary or secondary. Pressed after approximately 20 days. Aged for 11 months on lees in mostly neutral barrels with a couple of active oak barrels sprinkled in.

Tasting Notes: The nose presents a complex bouquet of graphite-dusted black plum and California chaparral after rain. The dark black plum leads the attack on the palate and quickly evolves into brighter cherry notes reminiscent of fine kirsch. Big balanced acid wraps around into neatly developed tannins and transitions into umami notes of umeboshi (Japanese pickled plums) upon finish.

Alc 13.1%
pH 3.76
TA: 5.9 g/L

3900 cases

