The fruit for our 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon was selected from two of our estate vineyards in Paso Robles – Huerhuero and Creston Valley. Huerhuero, in the hilly terrain between the El Pomar and Geneseo Districts, benefits from the moderating Pacific breezes that blow through the Templeton Gap in the afternoon as well as its limiting calcareous subsoils. Creston Valley Vineyard has picture perfect high terrain southern exposure and shallow soils with noticeable granulated limestone. Both of these vineyards produce Cabernet Sauvignon with an overall balance of expressive flavors and structure.

All the grapes were handpicked and sorted in the early morning to ensure quality and uniformity of ripeness. Afterwards, the fruit was destemmed and gently crushed into temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. Pumpovers took place regularly to enhance color and help extract tannins from the skin. After pressing, the wine was racked into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. While the majority of wine was aged in French oak, we also used some American and Hungarian oak barrels for added nuances and complexity. After 8 months of aging and extensive blending trials, some Petit Verdot was added to enhance the wine’s structure. The final blend was then aged for an additional 12 months in barrels to fully integrate before bottling.

**Tasting Notes**

- **COLOR:** Dark garnet
- **AROMA:** Cassis with hints of fine tobacco, sandalwood and spice
- **TASTE:** Full-bodied with dark cherry fruit; sweet, rich and chewy tannins linger into the finish

**Recommendations**

- Serve at 62° – 65° F
- Enjoy now through 2025
- Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
- Pairing suggestions: Flank steak, braised beef, hearty dishes, or pasta with mushrooms

**Technical Notes**

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- **AGING:** 20 months in oak barrels
- **BOTTLING DATE:** 06.11.15 – 6.19.15
- **RELEASE DATE:** 10.16.15
- **CASES PRODUCED:** 13,682
- **ALCOHOL:** 14.6%
- **PH:** 3.74
- **TOTAL ACIDITY:** 7.4 g/L