VINA ROBLES

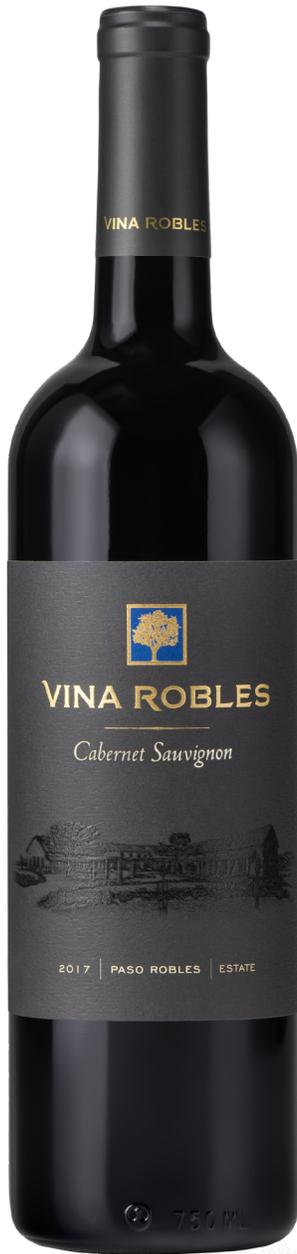## VINEYARDS & WINERY

Cabernet Sauvignon
2017 ◆ PASO ROBLES

The fruit for our 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon was selected from two of our estate vineyards in Paso Robles – Huerhuero and Creston Valley. Huerhuero Vineyard, 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 blocks were handpicked and sorted in the early morning to ensure quality and uniformity of ripeness. Then 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, a bit of Petit Verdot was added to enhance structure. The final blend was then aged in barrels for an additional 12 months to fully integrate before bottling.

Tasting Notes

COLOR: Garnet

AROMA: Cassis, dark cherries, licorice and cedar, with hints of blueberries and mocha

TASTE: Full-bodied with cassis and dark cherries, mocha notes, chewy textured tannins

Technical Notes

Harvest dates	Brix°	Vineyard	Blend	
09.11.17 - 10.27.17	25.2	Creston Valley	Cabernet Sauvignon	59%
		Huerhuero	Cabernet Sauvignon	22%
		Huerhuero	Petit Verdot	19%

AGING:	20 months in French, Hungarian, and American oak barrels
BOTTLING DATE:	05.31.19
RELEASE DATE:	September, 2019
CASES PRODUCED:	26,000
ALCOHOL:	14%
PH:	3.62
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.7 g/L

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