

Crooked Path

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



APPELLATION: Paso Robles, CA

COMPOSITION:

88% Cabernet Sauvignon (Clones UCD 4, 8 Entav clones 15, 337, 412, 685)

7% Petite Sirah (Durif UCD clone 3)

5% Syrah (Entav clone 877)

2% Merlot (Entav clone 348)

WINEMAKING: High quality fruit was sourced from the Paso Robles AVA including selected blocks from Sextant Vineyards, Still Waters, Anderson and Daou Vineyards. The balance of the fruit (5%) came from Chalk Knoll Vineyards located in the San Lucas AVA, Monterey County. The backbone of this Cabernet blend is made up of small lot fermented Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that were punched down three times a day to extract its rich color, flavor & tannin. Petite Sirah was added for additional body and depth while the Syrah addition gives the wine a nice aromatic touch, creating a classic Bordeaux style blend with new world flair.

TASTING NOTES: This deep violet-purple colored Cabernet Sauvignon expresses aromas of dark plumb, ripe black cherry, chocolate, and sweet vanilla. On the palate the wine has a rich, full, creamy mouth with hints of cherry cola, blackberry, currant, and includes a slight peppery, leather, and earthy finish. Pair with braised short ribs, grilled lamb or roasted vegetables.

COOPERAGE: 20% New French Oak, 10% New American Oak with the balance made up of neutral Hungarian, French & American Oak barrels aged for 20 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Malolactic Fermentation - 100%

Total Acidity - .63

pH - 3.74

Residual Sugar - .26%

Alcohol - 14.8%

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