

HERON

2022 HERON CABERNET SAUVIGNON CALIFORNIA

EXPERIENCE

Plum with brick red hue. A medium-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon, soft and supple on its entry yet balanced perfectly over resolved grape and oak tannin. The mid-palate is silky with blackberry and rich, dark cherry. Aged in an old-world style in seasoned French Oak, the finish recalls tobacco, cedar, and the classical bordelaise pencil lead notes.

PLACE

Mostly from the west side of Paso Robles-Willow Creek, Templeton Gap, and small amounts of a few other AVAs to add intrigue and complexity to this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The complexity is achieved through the blending of different geographical areas, not varietals, in this wine.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- Grapes picked ripe at 24 brix
- Partially destemmed directly to tank
- 48-hour cold soak-3 pump overs for 10 days, then 1-2 for the next 5
- Aged about 10 months
- New, one and two-year-old French oak barrels from Taransaud
- Alc.13.5%

LAELY'S NOTES

I moved to Bordeaux, France before I could even legally drink in the USA. I was 19 or 20. I knew hardly anything about wine before then, but once there, I made up for lost time. I “cut my teeth” on French wine, and feel incredibly lucky to have had that experience. For me, Cabernet Sauvignon is a balancing act, with the fruit, tannins, alcohol, and freshness in harmony. This is not a “Big, huge” wine...my goal is always elegance and balance, respecting the varietal for what it truly brings to the table. Pun intended.

