



PATRIMONY

Paso Robles • Adelaida District

2018 BLACK LABEL SERIES

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon | Alcohol: 14.9% | Élevage: 30 months

Clones: 169 30, 412 | Rootstock: 420A



VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage may go on record as the longest season yet. Abundant rainfall on DAOU Mountain gave way to a later bud break in April. The vines were energized by the much-needed moisture, setting one of our best crops to date. The weather remained steady from spring through June when we received a long heat wave that fortunately did not affect the quality of the grapes since it occurred before the start of veraison. A cooling trend then ensued for the rest of the season, prolonging hang-time, and harvest into October. The result was our latest harvest ever on the mountain. The long hang-time produced deep color and concentration with lush density. The tannins are silky and beautifully integrated. As a result, the 2018 vintage gave way to powerful and balanced wines.

VITICULTURE & VINTIFICATION

The phenolics produced on this mountain are known to be among the highest in the world, fostering an immensity of color, depth, and structure. To extract the purest and most elevated expression of this terroir, purposeful omission is required. Only select vineyard rows are chosen for PATRIMONY cultivation. By the time the fruit is aggressively thinned, optically sorted, and used only for its free-run juice, a minimal percentage of the total potential yield meets the exacting standard we set for PATRIMONY. Fermentation proceeds exclusively with wild yeasts cultured from DAOU Mountain, imbuing the wine with native texture and character.

TASTING NOTES

Writing the tasting notes of this wine is a very difficult thing as this wine leaves your speechless! Uber dark and concentrated with elegance and freshness that defies logic, this wine explodes out of the glass with licorice, dark chocolate, ash and blackberries. Complex, layered and very full bodied, it retains its elegance throughout the tasting experience. The nose explodes with aromas ranging from cigar box, toffee, vanilla bean and a floral bouquet worth of a wedding floral arrangement! It's hard to drink this wine and to admit that such an artistic rendition can exist. It will improve and age gracefully for decades.

BARRIQUE

The PATRIMONY aging program is built around the most coveted barrels that are accessible only through personal relationships with top cooperages. Collectively, these barrels provide for seamless oak integration and staggering complexity over a maturation period of 30 months, all without encroaching upon the pure qualities of our DAOU Mountain fruit. All Barrels used are french oak with extra tight grain with a medium-long toast:

- *Taransaud T5*
- *Sylvain Collection*