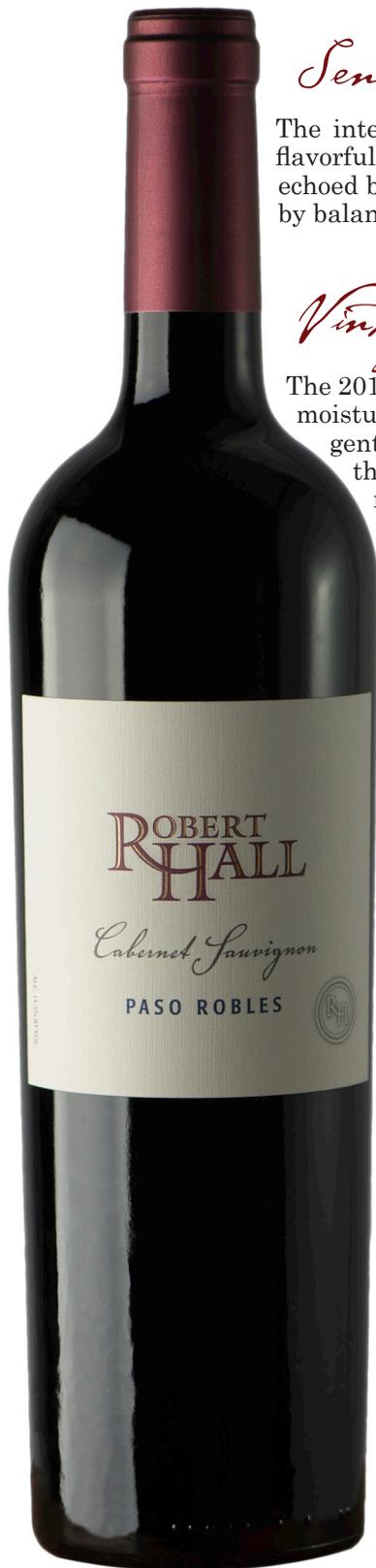


2013 Cabernet Sauvignon

Paso Robles



Sensory Notes

The intense dark ruby red color of the Cabernet Sauvignon is reflective of this full-bodied, flavorful wine. The core of black currant and hints of cedar and spice along with cocoa aromas echoed by rich persistent flavors of plush ripe fruit, dark chocolate and anise are all supported by balanced rich velvety tannins.

Vintage Notes

The 2013 vintage was a challenging season in Paso Robles. We began our spring with marginal moisture, the product of non-existent winter rains. This daunting start was followed by a gentle spring with mild temperatures through April and May that gave us a great start to the growing season. The cool temperatures and seasonable conditions gave us excellent flowering and fruit set circumstances that resulted in a normal cluster count. From here our temperatures climbed, giving us one big heat spike in July before moderating to normal temperatures to finish the summer. Crop water and vine growth were managed by careful timing of irrigation. Very little thinning of the crop was required because the lack of winter rain kept the berry size in check. Following summer we moved into a vigorous harvest season that presented perfect conditions for excellent ripening at a brisk rate resulting in amazing depth of color and wonderful flavor maturity. At Robert Hall, sustainable farming is practiced to preserve our valued natural and human resources.

Our 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is a product of several Paso Robles vineyards planted from the southern banks of the Estrella to the southernmost area of the “Creston District.” Here our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes have matured to full intensity on rolling sandy loam hills and terraces of the Estrella Basin and on the ancient uplifted sea beds found in the southern reaches of Creston. The fusion of bright fruit-forward Cabernet produced on a more generous loamy soil with intense fully ripe Cabernet Sauvignon from a sparse rocky site yields a blend with opulent fruit, intriguing complexity, and satisfying structure

Winemaker's Notes

Our 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon was chosen from select lots of our best Paso Robles grapes. Maceration lasted 11 days and was assisted by traditional pump-over to amplify color and flavor release. Subsequent to fermentation, the wine was drawn off and the skins pressed. After settling, the wine was raked into French and eastern European oak barrels where it completed malolactic fermentation and matured for 18 months. Prior to bottling the wine received a final racking to stainless steel where the blend was assembled.

Wine Facts

Blend: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon	Total acidity: 6.00 g/L
11% Merlot	pH: 3.72
7% Petit Verdot	Alcohol: 14.5%
4% Petite Sirah	Barrel Aged: 18 Months
	Bottled: August 2015