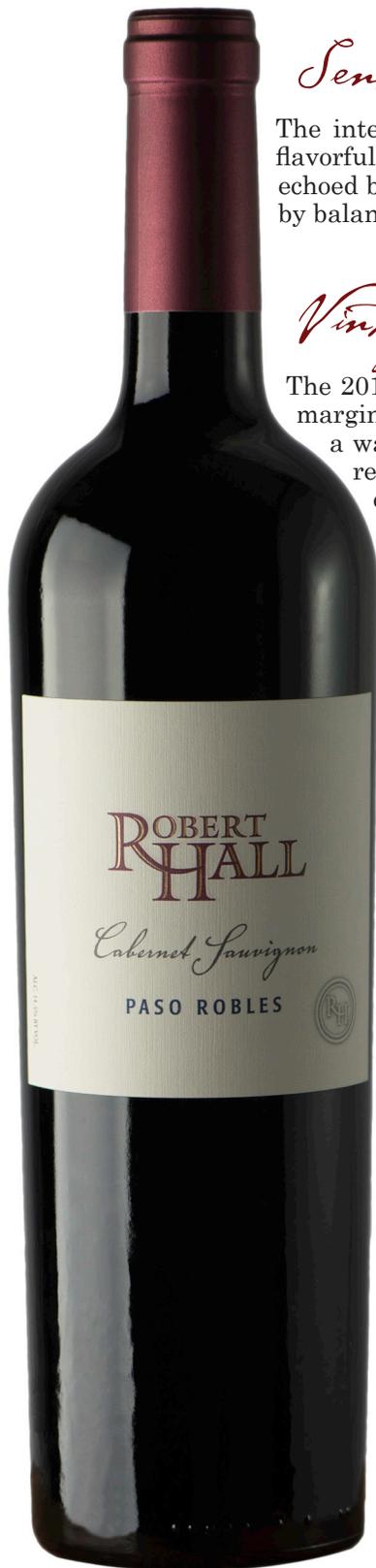


# 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

## 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 2014 vintage was another challenging season in Paso Robles. We began our spring with marginal moisture, the product of meager winter rains. This daunting start was followed by a warm early spring with average temperatures through April and May that gave us a reasonable start to the growing season. These moderate temperatures and seasonable conditions gave us excellent flowering and fruit set circumstances that resulted in a normal cluster count. From here our temperatures remained moderate until we experienced a short heat spike at the end of August and again longer sustained heat spell at the start of October before moderating to normal temperatures to finish the season. Overall we experienced a vigorous harvest season that presented perfect conditions for excellent ripening at a bracing rate resulting in amazing depth of color and wonderful flavor maturity.

Our 2014 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 2014 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 racked 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: **76% Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**12% Merlot**  
**4% Petit Verdot**  
**4% Petite Sirah**  
**4% Syrah**

**Total acidity: 6.62 g/L**  
**pH: 3.61**  
**Alcohol: 14.5%**  
**Barrel Aged: 18 Months**  
**Bottled: July 2016**