

# ROBERT HALL

## Merlot



### PASO ROBLES 2016

California's pristine Central Coast is home to Paso Robles – one of the world's most exciting wine regions. Rolling terrain, varied soils and climate combine to create exquisite growing conditions for exceptional fruit used to make award winning wine. At Robert Hall, we capture the essence of Paso Robles in every bottle.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage began with below average rainfall as the Paso Robles area continues to be effected by drought. The dry start was followed by above average warm temperatures that lasted through June, at which point temperatures became more moderate. The early warm weather accelerated fruit development and allowed for an improved fruit set compared to the 2015 vintage.

### WINEMAKING

There are vineyard sites in Paso Robles that are very well suited to Merlot. Moderate temperatures, maritime influence and clay soils all help contribute to a robust Merlot. This wine is aged in French and Eastern European Oak for 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas of ripe black cherry accentuated by hints of cedar emanate from our 2016 Merlot. Lush, ruby-red color indicates the level of concentration yielded by the vintage and the vineyards. On the palate, rich flavors mirror the aromas and are complemented by soft, silky tannins on the finish.

### WINE FACTS

Vintage: 2016

Appellation: *Paso Robles*

Blend: 75% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 0.61 g/100ml

pH: 3.79

