

2018

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PASO ROBLES

1,484 Cases | Bottled July 15, 2020

Suggested Retail: \$20

FLYING CLOUD

Flying Cloud is produced at Stephen Ross Wine Cellars.

For winemaker Stephen Ross Dooley the variety Cabernet Sauvignon invokes fond memories of his first decade of producing wine in the Napa Valley at Louis M. Martini winery in the early eighties. Stylistically, the wine is hearty and balanced with pleasing aromas and flavors characteristic of the variety, with a sense of place or terrior and has supple fine tannins. The name Flying Cloud pays tribute to the Eden Prairie airport in Mr. Dooley's home state of Minnesota.

VINTAGE

For San Miguel, 2018 was a slightly warmer growing season when compared to historical averages. Lower than normal rainfall over the winter resulted in a slightly later bud break, and cool weather during flowering extended the bloom period. However, there was warm weather July 6 through August 18 with 100 degree plus temperatures. Once the heat wave subsided, the weather pattern returned to normal leading up to harvest, which began anywhere from one to three weeks later than usual. The weather during September and October was beautiful with mild temperatures. We had the luxury to harvest at a rather slow, steady pace.

WINEMAKING

This Cabernet Sauvignon was made using classic Bordeaux methods of production; the grapes were de-stemmed and crushed into small stainless steel tanks, pumped-over daily during the peak of fermentation, three weeks of skin contact, lightly pressed with a state-of-the-art stainless steel basket press, and aged in neutral French oak barrels for twenty months.

Vineyard:

Jack Knife Vineyard 50%, *Certified Organically grown.*

Blind Faith Vineyard 50%, *Certified Organically grown.*

Varieties: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Average grape analysis: 23.5 °Brix, 5.70 g/l T.A., 3.56 pH

Harvest:

Hand Picked September 19 and October 12, 2018.

Fermentation:

22-day skin contact, fermented in small stainless-steel tanks

Aging:

Aged in Four-year old French oak barrels 20 months

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
14.0%	3.65	5.9g/L

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TASTING NOTES

Dark, clear ruby red color. Aromas of mulberry, boysenberry, cedar, and clove on the nose. With medium body and fine, silky tannins, this wine is all about impeccable balance and powerful elegance.