

2017

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PASO ROBLES

1,269 Cases | Bottled July 12, 2019  
**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

The 2017 growing season started with above average winter rainfall followed by a cool damp spring, warm summer days, and a heat spike at the end of August. Temperatures cooled in September which allowed grapes to ripen gradually. The wines show good intensity with higher than normal acidity.

### 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  
Organically grown (certified in 2018)

#### Harvest:

October 2-3, 2016. Harvested by hand

#### Fermentation:

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

#### Aging:

Aged in Four-year old French oak barrels 20 months

<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>pH:</b>	<b>T.A.:</b>
14.0%	3.51	6.2g/L



### TASTING NOTES

This is an easy to drink Cabernet Sauvignon displaying aromas of blackberry, red currant, mace, nutmeg and fresh botanical notes; round mouthfeel and showy yet refined tannins.