

2019

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PASO ROBLES

808 Cases | Bottled May 26, 2021

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, 2019 benefited from good winter and spring rains which filled the soil profile. Bud break was two weeks later than average. The summer weather was generally cool, and the grapes ripened slowly and evenly with no heat spikes. Harvest began two to three weeks later than average providing longer hang time for the grapes to ripen. Longer hang time allows the grapes to develop rich deep color and more complex flavors.

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 85%, *Certified Organically grown.*

Blind Faith Vineyard 15%, *Certified Organically grown.*

Varieties: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petite Sirah

Average grape analysis: 26.0 °Brix, 6.0 g/l T.A., 3.63 pH

Harvest:

Hand Picked October 11 and 14, 2019.

Fermentation:

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

Aging:

Aged in Four-year old French oak barrels 14 months

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
14.0%	3.80	5.3 g/L

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TASTING NOTES

The wine has a very dark dense ruby color. Aromatically, the nose shows fruit notes of mulberry and blackberry, with hints of cocoa and Worcester sauce. The mouth is nicely balanced with a rich mid-palate, soft acidity and moderate fine tannins on the finish.