

paso dragon

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Paso Robles is one of the premier wine appellations in the world. Hidden in the hills northwest of town is Lake Nacimiento, a favorite haunt of the locals. It is nicknamed the Dragon from its natural shape when viewed from above. This wine exemplifies the same local feeling of place when you are in Paso Robles. Bold but a little bit yet undiscovered and a local favorite. Enjoy the spirit of the Dragon in every glass!

APPELLATION: Paso Robles, California

ABV: 14%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.59g/100ml

pH: 3.66

RS: 0.25g/100ml

OAK: French and American

OAK AGE: 8 months

APPEARANCE: Dark Ruby

AROMA: Black cherry, cocoa, cedar

PALATE: Dark fruits, cassis, vanilla, smooth tannins

PAIRINGS: Beef short ribs, burgers, BBQ

Harvest 2023 caught us all by surprise. Most growers, including us, received early crop estimates that projected a small harvest like 2022. That news prompted Bimmer and I to camp in our vineyards and do long walks amongst the vines. My depression was soon relieved! The clusters were large with nice juicy berries. We had a cool and late spring, so the vines took more time to ripen due to an extended bud break followed by a mild summer. Without any heat waves and plenty of water in the soil from the wonderful 40 inches of rain the canopies and clusters grew and grew. The long hang time in cooler weather allowed the grapes to produce dark and rich colors along with beautiful tannins in the red wines. Even though it took a long time ripen, the grape sugars were exactly where we wanted them. 2024 will be exceptional in many ways.



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