

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PASO ROBLES

1421 Cases | Bottled May 9, 2023

Suggested Retail: \$25

FLYING CLOUD
WINERY

Vineyard:

Jack Knife Vineyard 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Jack Knife Zinfandel *Certified Organically grown.*

Blind Faith Vineyard 2% Petite Sirah, *Certified Organically grown.*

Average grape analysis: 24.6 °Brix, 4.0 g/l T.A., 3.52 pH

Harvest:

Hand-harvested October 13 and 15, 2021.

Fermentation:

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

Aging:

Aged in Four-year old French oak barrels for 17 months

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:	Vegan-Friendly
14.0%	3.59	5.93 g/L	

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 *terroir* 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 2021 vintage came on the heels of a continued drought in California. We saw a decent amount of pre-season rainfall in Paso Robles this year. However, most of the precipitation arrived during a single storm event, causing runoff that prevented much of that lower rainfall total. Yields came in around average, with fruit showing more structure and higher tannin levels than typical. We experienced mild temperatures through harvest in September and October, which opened the stretch of time picking at optimal maturity. This was a late harvest with long hang time yielding wines with concentrated 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, four weeks of skin contact, free run then lightly pressed with a state-of-the-art stainless steel basket press, and aged in neutral French oak barrels for seventeen months.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is deeply colored with dark ruby-purple hues. Pretty aromas of blackberry, mulberry, bittersweet chocolate, clove and coyote mint. This is a rich, robust mouth-filling wine, expansive on the palate with polish tannins. Powerful, structured, elegant balance, a lovely Cabernet Sauvignon.

