



**WILD HORSE**  
WINERY & VINEYARDS

**2005 MERLOT**  
**PASO ROBLES**

**HISTORY**

In twenty-five years, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards has grown from its humble beginnings to take its place as one of the Central Coast's leading producers of premium varietal wines. Their success is rooted in a commitment to crafting wines of consistently high quality and good value. Pinot Noir, the winery's flagship varietal, sources fruit predominately from the Santa Barbara County appellation, while the Paso Robles appellation is the cornerstone for the red wine program at Wild Horse Winery & Vineyard, which includes Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel and Syrah.

**WINEMAKER NOTES**

Patience during the 2005 growing season was wholly rewarded in the bottle for the 2005 Merlot. A cool summer in the Paso Robles vineyards was followed by an intense fall heat that allowed for full fruit maturation. Following Wild Horse Winery tradition, each bottle expresses its true varietal character, and it is evident here, as only a small percentage of blending varietals were used in our 2005 vintage. A portion of Cabernet Franc and small touches of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Grenache were blended to enrich the wine's mouthfeel and lengthen its chewy tannin finish.

**TASTING NOTES**

The 2005 Paso Robles Merlot exemplifies aromas of boysenberry cobbler, black cherry, delicate wild strawberries and vanilla coffee bean. Together these notes intrigue the senses as the deeply, concentrated Merlot lingers on the palate.

**TECHNICAL**

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| Appellation:      | Paso Robles  |
| Composition:      | 96.3% Merlot, 1.3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec, 0.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 0.7% Grenache |
| pH:               | 3.49   |
| T.A.:             | 6.35g/L  |
| Alcohol:          | 13.9 %   |
| Case Production:  | 52,727   |
| Release Date:     | October 2007   |
| Suggested Retail: | \$20   |