



WILD HORSE[®]
WINERY & VINEYARDS

2011 Central Coast Cabernet Sauvignon

Located south of Paso Robles in California's Central Coast, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards was named for the wild mustangs that once roamed the hills east of the vineyard estate. A free-spirited attitude and long-term relationships with the Central Coast's most renowned vineyards has allowed Wild Horse to make exceptional wines for over 30 years.

THE VINEYARDS

This 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon blend is almost a fifty-fifty split between fruit from the Monterey and Paso Robles AVAs. Paso Robles is a wonderful spot for growing Cabernet with the hot days and cool nights. The Monterey County AVA runs 100 miles north of the Paso Robles AVA to just above the Monterey Bay. Also, with a large diurnal swing, the Southern Monterey County is popular for growing Bordeaux varietals. Each AVA has a long growing season allowing for flavor development, acid retention, and proper physiological maturity. Wines from both regions complement each other, with Paso Robles contributing aromatic fruit intensity and Monterey giving richness in color and tannin structure.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were delivered to the winery in the cool morning hours. The fruit was gently crushed with varying amounts of whole berries and pumped into both open and closed-topped fermentation tanks. From here, they were yeast inoculated and then pumped over two times per day during primary fermentation. Pressing occurred 10-20 days after yeast inoculation. The wine was racked off of heavy solids to barrel for the completion of malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in a mix of French, American, and Hungarian barrels and racked twice during its 14-month cellar life.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2011 Central Coast Cabernet has aromas of fresh red berries, vanilla, and nutmeg spice followed by a deliciously full entry and tantalizing tannins in the finish. Pair this wine with any perfectly prepared steak or pasta dish with red sauce.

Quick Notes

Appellation:

Central Coast

Blend Composition:

90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot

Barrel Composition:

100% Barrel Aged;
French, Hungarian,
American Oak,
25% New

Wine Chemistry:

TA: 6.00g/L

pH: 3.54

Alc: 13.5% by volume