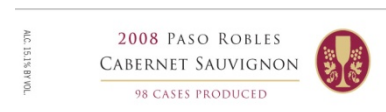




J & J CELLARS

## 2008 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

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| VARIETIES:      | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| APPELLATION:    | Paso Robles             |
| VINEYARD:       | San Miguel Estate       |
| ALCOHOL:        | 15%                     |
| ACIDITY:        | 6.6 g/L                 |
| pH:             | 3.93                    |
| CASES PRODUCED: | 98                      |



### GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2008 vintage in the Paso Robles region began with an average winter, which provided for a normal spring bud break around mid-March. An unexpected late spring frost interrupted the normal progression of the growing season and greatly reduced crops. The remainder of the season progress continued normally with warm days and cool nights. September and October brought slightly cooler than average temperatures slowing harvest. The reduced crop load and long hang time in the vineyard prior to harvest allowed the grapes to develop excellent concentrated, mature flavors which translated directly to the wines.

### WINEMAKING

Our grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours and brought to the winery where they were de-stemmed and crushed into a stainless steel fermentor. After 24 hours the must was inoculated and pumped over 2-3 times daily through the duration of primary fermentation. The grapes were pressed and upon completion of malolactic fermentation the wine was aged in 100% new French and Hungarian oak for 23 months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This Reserve Cab is concentrated on the palate with flavors of black cherry, currant, vanilla, and chocolate with tannin structure that is both intense and long.

### CELLARING

May be enjoyed now, although decanting is recommended. Best cellared for several years. This wine will age and evolve beautifully over the next 6-8 years.

### FOOD SELECTION

This wine deserves a rich meal. Steak and savory sides will compliment this wine.

### MEDALS