

# TOWER 15

## Cabernet Sauvignon No 2020

**About our Cabernet Sauvignon :** This Cabernet Sauvignon was nurtured by the challenging environment of the Willow Creek District AVA in Paso Robles, featuring mountainous terrain, cool temperatures (for the area), and limestone and clay-loam soil that is battered by fierce ocean winds. The 2020 vintage is a robust, indulgent, and concentrated wine that exhibits deep, extracted aromas of pure berry and earthy notes.

Old Oak Vineyard is the exclusive source of the grapes for this premium wine, known for producing superior Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. The vineyard has been in operation since the 1970s and now covers about 100 acres, which are carefully tended to by skilled farmers. These vineyard workers use sustainable farming practices to preserve the vines and soil, which has earned the vineyard certification from the California Sustainable Wine-growing Alliance as well as a USDA Organic Certification.

Cabernet Sauvignon is a challenging grape variety to cultivate because of its small, tight clusters and thick skin, which makes it vulnerable to weather damage, pests, and diseases. The fruit requires long maturation time and careful vineyard management to achieve ideal acidity and tannin levels.

Paso Robles, and especially Old Oak Vineyard, are excellent environments for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The region's warm and dry climate, along with the well-draining soil, provide the ideal growing conditions for this grape variety. The long, hot growing season allows the fruit to ripen fully, resulting in the rich, complex flavors and tannins that are characteristic of the variety. The diurnal temperature variation, with hot days and cool nights, also contributes to the grape's acidity and tannin structure.

The wine is bottled as a single-varietal Cabernet Sauvignon in limited quantities, while the majority of the barrels are blended to create our Bordeaux-style Swell blend.

**Tasting Notes :** This single varietal bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerful wine that commands attention. Its deep ruby color with hints of purple at the rim is visually striking. On the nose, it reveals a complex aroma of dark fruit, including blackberry, black cherry, and cassis, enhanced by notes of vanilla, mocha, and cedar from the oak aging process. There are also hints of leather, tobacco, and earthy undertones, adding depth and character. On the palate, this full-bodied wine presents bold tannins and a firm structure. The flavors of ripe black fruit dominate, with subtle hints of spice, vanilla, and espresso that complement the fruit notes.

**ABV : 15%**

**AVA : Willow Creek District**

**Total Production : 150 cases**

