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Blackletter

2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON
PASO ROBLES

Appellation: Paso Robles

Blend: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot

pH: 3.85 **TA:** 5.40 g/L **ALC:** 14.5%

Vineyard Details: Our vineyards are decades-old vines planted in calcium rich (and high ph) soils whose dramatic complexity are derived from epochs of continental plate activity that all contribute to the end-result of low-yielding, perfectly balanced fruit. 60% of this year's fruit comes from block 48 and 49 in the hills at Santa Margarita Ranch and 40% of the fruit comes from the Grosser Kresser vineyard in the westside hills of the Adelaida District.

Winemaker Notes: After an exceptionally long growing season, rigorously selective hand-harvesting left behind any over/under ripe or damaged clusters—followed by a further hand-selection process at the winery with only ideal clusters making their way to the Blackletter wine.

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WINEMAKER & FOUNDER

Maturation: Fermentation proceeded slowly and naturally with native yeasts present on the grapes themselves and ambient strains living in the winery. An initial declassification happened before the following harvest, with barrels that do not show Blackletter potential blended down into other Broadside lots. The remaining components spent close to another year (for a total of 20 months) in barrel without racking before another round of declassification.

