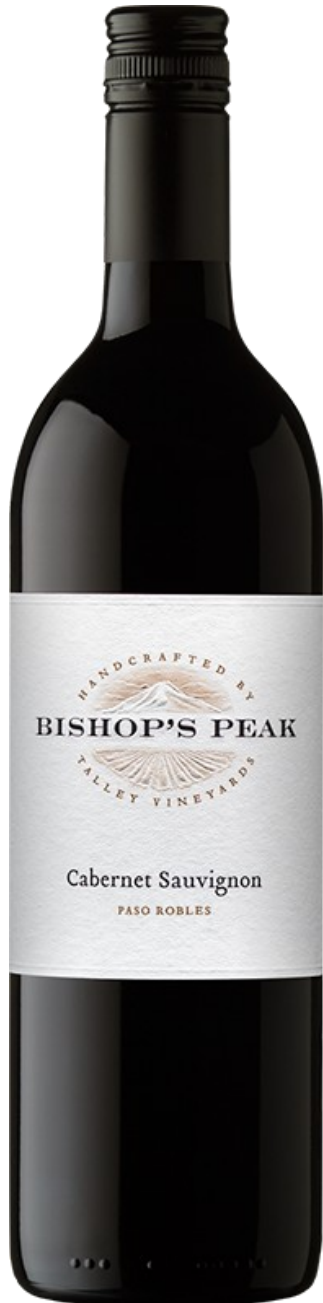




# 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles



After four years of severe drought, El Niño conditions brought the most rainfall to the region since 2011 with just over 13 inches reported in the city of Paso Robles, about an inch less than the long term average. Weather was good during bloom time and the vines set a moderate crop, though berry size was reduced by hot weather in the early summer. Typical of the region, temperatures fluctuated during the final ripening period with several heat spikes recorded in August and September. While most of the Cabernet Sauvignon in the Paso Robles area was harvested by the end of September, grapes from the cooler Santa Margarita region were harvested 2-3 weeks later, which is typical.

- ◆ Produced from 76% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc, 5% malbec, 5% petit verdot, and 4% merlot
- ◆ Fruit from Santa Margarita Ranch Vineyards
- ◆ Harvested October 6 - 22, 2016
- ◆ Fermented with native yeasts in open top fermenters
- ◆ Aged 12 months in 50% French and 50% American oak, 30% new
- ◆ Bottled in December 2017
- ◆ 14.1 % alcohol

Produced from grapes grown in the Santa Margarita Vineyard in the cool southwestern corner of the Paso Robles viticultural area, this wine combines the balanced Talley Vineyards' house style with the soft approachability typical of the Paso Robles region.

Displaying a beautiful mulberry hue, the 2016 Bishop's Peak Cabernet Sauvignon offers aromas of cedar, black licorice, fennel, and a hint of bubblegum. The palate is lush, exuding notes of red plum and cassis that continue long onto the finish. Try pairing this Cabernet Sauvignon with a juicy bone marrow burger or the classic dish of the region, Santa Maria style barbeque.