



MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2018

ZENITH ESTATE CUVÉE

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT
PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

This wine is our most impressive blend every year, 100% estate grown with only our top tier fruit. The color is as dark as midnight, a rich almost black. The aromatics explode with plum, blueberry, black cherry, leather and with the minerality of our calcareous limestone shining through. A mouthful of chocolate, dried herbs, chalk, and ripe red fruit with firm acidity. The finish ends with a perky balance of tannins and acidity.

ACCOLADES	92 Wine Enthusiast
WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Petit Verdot, 17% Merlot, 17% Malbec
COOPERAGE	100% French oak, 75% new French oak
BARREL AGING	30 months
pH / TA	3.48/0.62
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.02%
ABV	15.2%
PRODUCTION	99 cases

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. The rain came late, delaying the onset of bud break and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. Temperatures moderated before picking began and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, producing fruit with intense flavors and balanced acidity.



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