



MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2017

MARE NECTARIS

RESERVE RED WINE PASO
ROBLES, CA

TASTING NOTES

Always a blend of the "Bordeaux Five" and is truly a barrel select blend with few rivals! From the time you pour this wine into a glass, you know you're in for something special. Dark, almost black in color, it coats the glass as it is swirled. A very complex wine with flavors of black fruit, plums, leather and earth dancing on the palate.

WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 10% Malbec 10% Petit Verdot, and 4% Cabernet Franc
COOPERAGE	40% new French oak, 60% neutral
BARREL AGING	30 MONTHS
pH / TA	3.55/ 0.66
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.05%
ABV	15.4%
PRODUCTION	100

The 2017 vintage saw our drought end with a bang. The wet soils delayed bud-break to a normal time frame and produced such a healthy vineyard that we saw canopy sizes and cane lengths we hadn't seen in years. The summer began relatively cool but was punctuated by two heat spikes that accelerated ripening and produced intense flavors. The resulting vintage shows the health of the vines with a combination of concentration and freshness, with bright acids framing powerful fruit.



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