

## 2018

## CAPRICCIO ITALIEN RESERVE

PASO ROBLES CALIFORNIA

## **TASTING NOTES**

This wine has a beautifully deep ruby color with a complex nose of ripe plum, blackberry, currant, and minerals. The mouth feel is enormous with flavors of dried cherry, anise, and leather. The long finish and tannins leaves one eager the next sip.

ACCOLADES GOLD - OC Fair Competition

WINEMAKER Rich Hartenberger

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** 50% Sangiovese, 16% Malbec,

9% Cabernet Sauvignon,

9% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc

COOPERAGE 100% French oak, 50% new French oak

BARREL AGING 30 months

**pH / TA** 3.55/0.67

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.05%

**ABV** 14.9%

**PRODUCTION** 153 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 budbreak 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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