



# MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2018

## MARE NECTARIS RESERVE

PASO ROBLES  
CALIFORNIA

### TASTING NOTES

Wow, what a wine! The color is so dark it's almost black. First whiff off the nose lets you know you're in for a treat. Giant amounts of ripe black and red fruit, spice, leather, and earth. The mouthfeel is amazing with a complex array of blackberry, plum, anise, and cinnamon. The finish goes on forever. Drink now thru 2040.

### WINEMAKER

Rich Hartenberger

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 10% Petit Vedot, 5% Cabernet Franc

### COOPERAGE

50% new French oak, 50% neutral

### BARREL AGING

30 months

### pH / TA

3.44 / 0.64 g/L

### RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.05%

### ABV

15.2%

### PRODUCTION

149

### ACCOLADES

93 Wine Enthusiast

### 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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