



MIDNIGHT
CELLARS

2021
ZENITH

PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

Our estate-grown Zenith Cuvée continues to showcase the true terroir of the Midnight vineyards, this year with remarkable depth and refinement. A deep garnet color introduces aromas of black cherry, leather, tobacco, cedar, and a touch of vanilla.

On the palate, intense black cherry and tart pomegranate take center stage, supported by medium acidity and firm, age-worthy tannins. A subtle hint of licorice adds intrigue to the long, structured finish. Complex yet balanced, this Bordeaux-style blend remains one of our most celebrated wines year after year. Pair it with classic Cabernet-friendly fare - grilled steak, roasted lamb, or hearty stews. Drink now for its youthful vibrancy, or cellar through 2035 to enjoy its evolving complexity.

WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec, 15% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot
COOPERAGE	50% new French oak 50% neutral French oak
AGING	36 months
pH/TA	3.54 / 6.50 g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.7 g/L
ABV	15.0%
PRODUCTION	99 cases

VINTAGE NOTES

Paso's 2021 season was shaped by one dramatic storm followed by a long, dry summer. Yields were smaller, but the fruit that came in was intensely flavored and beautifully balanced. The result is a vintage of elegance and concentration, showing depth, vibrant acidity, and the unmistakable character of a year when resilience in the vineyard created wines of true distinction.

Harvest itself unfolded smoothly, and the resulting wines show impressive depth with beautifully integrated acidity. Winemaker Rich Hartenberger and the Midnight Cellars team are confident the 2021 vintage will be remembered for its elegance, concentration, and character born from a season of resilience.



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