



**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Vineyard Designate:** Cerro Prieto

**Cases Produced:** 546

Cerro Prieto is an amazing site with a steep ridge running through the center of the vineyard. The ridge creates several distinctly unique blocks within the vineyard, all producing dramatically different flavor profiles. This sort of diversity allows us to blend the individual blocks together to create an intensely concentrated multidimensional wine which is 100% Cabernet and 100% Cerro Prieto. We get all of the advantages of blending, yet still are able to create a wine that is so representative of this unique vineyard site.

The nose is still a little tight, but upon opening it gives you a hit of the ripe jammy fruits that explode on your palate—ripe plums, blackberries, a touch of smoked bell pepper and an earthy spiciness. It is a bold and intense wine that still manages to retain a certain elegance. The Cerro Prieto will continue to evolve over the next ten years, and should be absolutely delicious in seven or so years.