# 2023

## **HERON**

# Cabernet Sauvignon



#### OVERVIEW

Heron relentlessly focuses on the very best California appellations to create balanced, fresh classics that redefine approachability embodying the determination of the iconic bird it represents and of Laely Heron, founder of one of the industry's first female-owned and-produced brands.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

80% Red Hills, Lake County, 20% Paso Robles, California

14.1% Alc. by Vol.

#### SITE

Arguably the best value California Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Red Hills in Lake County. This gives classic Cabernet flavors and tannic structure, while adding in 20% of Cabernet from Paso Robles helps even the texture and gives an overall smoothness to the wine.

#### Press scores coming soon

#### SOILS

**RED HILLS, LAKE COUNTY:** Volcanic red soils high in volcanic gravel content and quartz crystals with great drainage.

**PASO ROBLES:** The vineyard features alluvial. calcareous, gravelly, and sandy loam soils.



#### VINTAGE

**RED HILLS, LAKE COUNTY:** Winter was unusually cold and wet, with some rare snowfall. The soil moisture was restored while the vines were dormant, which made for very happy vines in the spring. Late harvest with great quality.

**PASO ROBLES:** Cool spring which delayed growing season – then moderately warm dry summer and fall.

## TASTING NOTES

**Pack Size:** 12/750ml

**UPC:** 721170005007

Blackberry, plum and dark chocolate are balanced by more Bordelaise qualities of cedar wood, pencil led and black pepper, followed by firm tannins and hints of vanilla on the finish.

#### **PAIRING SUGGESTIONS**

This elegant and balanced Cab makes a great pairing with meats like steak or roasted lamb, Portobello mushrooms or cheeses like aged cheddar.

#### WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**FERMENTATION:** Fermentation followed standard red protocol: exponential increase in extraction around 83°F and as color began to plateau, backed down the duration of extraction.

**AGING:** Aged in a mixture of new and used oak barrels for 6 months.

**PH:** 3.83 | **TA:** .535q/100ml

**BOTTLING DATE:** November 26, 2024