

2022 ARMORY / CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ICON SERIES

The Vintage

The 2022 growing season in Paso Robles was characterized by extremes, including a cool spring, ongoing drought, and a late-summer heatwave, which resulted in a smaller, more concentrated crop. For Bordeaux varietals, this meant tiny berries with thick skins and intense flavor. The resulting wines are bold and structured, with deep color, fine tannins, and layered aromatics.

The Production

This Cabernet is composed entirely of free-run juice, resulting in a refined, but concentrated and full-bodied structure that preserves the wine's natural acidity and delicate aromatics. No pressed juice was used, resulting in a deeper color and less astringent tannins. Fermentation took place at cooler temperatures and was able to rest in specifically chosen new French oak barrels to accentuate nuance and round out flavors for 30 months.

The Palate

This Cabernet Sauvignon offers the concentration and structure of old-world winemaking, balanced by the accessibility of its California roots. Deep in color and firm in tannin, it opens with vibrant notes of blackcurrant, ripe blackberry, and dark cherry, layered with hints of graphite, cocoa, and baking spice. The fruit is dense yet fresh, supported by the natural tension and mineral edge that come from dry-farmed vines and calcareous soils. Both powerful and polished, this wine is built to age but remains impressively approachable in its youth.

The Series

The 'Icon Series' celebrates Paso's most iconic vineyard sites chosen by our winemaker, Anthony Versochi, for their pedigree, precision, and shared pursuit of excellence. Each wine is sourced from a single, exceptional vineyard and reflects a shared commitment to quality and craftsmanship. These are site-driven, small-production wines that represent the highest expression of our work at Pius Estates.

Appellation: Adelaida

Vintage: 2022

Grape Varieties: 100% Cabernet

Production: 280 cases

Alcohol: 14.8%

TA: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.69

RS: 0.48 g/Lne

