

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### ABOUT THE SEASON

The 2021 season in Paso Robles, especially in the Willow Creek District, was marked by balanced weather and steady growth. Cooler nights and warm days created the perfect conditions for slow, even ripening, allowing the grapes to develop both depth and complexity. A few challenges early on, including some late-season heat, were managed carefully, resulting in a smaller yet highly concentrated harvest. The wines from Willow Creek are dynamic and vibrant, with bright acidity and a richness that reflects the unique microclimate of the district. It's a vintage that showcases precision and purity, with a modern edge.

### TASTING NOTE

Shado 2021 is a beautifully complex blend that reflects the best of Willow Creek. Predominantly Cabernet Franc, with touches of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and a hint of Malbec, this wine offers a bold yet refined profile. The 80% new French Oak adds a layer of depth, imparting soft spice and toasted vanilla notes that seamlessly integrate with the fruit. It's structured, with smooth tannins and vibrant acidity, providing balance and a long, elegant finish. This wine is expressive and multi-dimensional, showcasing the distinct character of Willow Creek and the precision of its craftsmanship.

63% CABERNET FRANC

25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

10% PETIT VERDOT

2% MALBEC

PH 3.74

TA 5.6 G/L

ALCOHOL 14.4%

AGED 30 MONTHS IN 80% NEW FRENCH OAK



# 2021 SHADO - WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT