



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011

PASO ROBLES



Estancia relies on the benefits of boutique-style winemaking techniques, including whole-cluster fermentation, gentle punch downs, and basket pressing. Our Monterey-based winery uses gentle gravity flow systems to minimize aggressive tannins and bitterness. It is this hands-on crafting of the wines—from grapes to bottle—that results in our consistent and superior wine quality.

## VINEYARDS

We're convinced that in the world's best wines can be found the true essence of the place from which they came. We grew the fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon in our Keyes Canyon Vineyard in Paso Robles. Hot days and cool nights, thin soils, and stressed vines—these are the hallmarks of Keyes Canyon. Vines struggle to produce fruit here, resulting in tiny clusters with high skin-to-juice ratios, which create deeply concentrated wines with intense flavors. This southwest benchland vineyard, planted at 450 feet in elevation, boasts a half-dozen soil types, including sandy clay loam. It has proven to be a perfect vineyard for growing Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker:	Clay Brock
Varietal Composition:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petite Sirah, 3% Syrah
Appearance:	Deep crimson
Aroma:	Intense dark cherry, blackberry, chocolate, and black currant
Flavor:	Displays great intensity, dense body with good structure, generous mid palate and silky tannins; hints of blackberry and chocolate with a nice lingering finish
Appellation:	Paso Robles
Fermentation:	100% tank fermentation, 100% second malolactic fermentation
Aging:	35% new French and American oak for 14 months
Total Acidity:	6.3 g/L
pH:	3.65
Alcohol:	13.5%