

ANCIENT PEAKS

v. 2021 | **QUARRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA | SANTA MARGARITA RANCH



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OVERVIEW

Quarry is Ancient Peaks Winery's new benchmark Cabernet Sauvignon from Paso Robles. This special barrel selection is rooted in the Quarry blocks of our estate Margarita Vineyard, where next-generation plantings are matched with optimal growing conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wine is rich, layered and elegant with a distinct sense of style and terroir.

VINEYARD

Margarita Vineyard stands alone as the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles region, nestled into the rugged Santa Lucia Mountain range just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the Santa Margarita Ranch AVA. Here, uniquely complex soils and a marine-moderated climate combine to deliver Cabernet Sauvignon fruit with ripeness, structure and dimension. The 2021 Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon comes from several blocks at Margarita Vineyard, including the new Quarry section—so named for a nearby quarry that produces some of the finest hard rock granite in California. This extension of Margarita Vineyard features tight vine spacing and premium Cabernet Sauvignon clones, representing the next generation of wines from our ranch. The Quarry section is slightly warmer than other parts of the vineyard, bringing a new dimension to the Ancient Peaks Cabernet Sauvignon experience. The remainder of the wine comes from proven blocks that have been foundational to our success with Cabernet Sauvignon. Collectively, these blocks produce a wine of inherent natural complexity, with the Quarry fruit bringing a soft-up-front fruit character to the mouthfeel.

WINEMAKING

The 2021 growing season was marked by cool spring temperatures and steady summer conditions, with moderate weather prevailing into harvest—all contributing to a banner vintage. After harvesting, the fruit was gently destemmed and the must was cold soaked for 48 hours prior to fermentation for a smooth extraction of color and flavor. Detailed phenolic management allowed for the development of a full, round mouthfeel during fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was racked to French and American oak barrels, where it aged for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. All of the new wood (35%) was French oak, enhancing the overall integration and sophistication of the experience.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon dances in the glass with aromas of red currant, plum, black olive and anise. The mouthfeel is supple and polished, with vivid layers of cherry, boysenberry, blackberry and tobacco. Notes of vanilla cream, coffee and cinnamon linger deep into the finish with fresh acidity and chalky tannins.

CUISINE PAIRING

Enjoy this lively 2021 Quarry Cabernet Sauvignon with lamb medallions, eggplant parmesan, beef brisket with mushrooms, and roast filet with black olive sauce

VINEYARD:

Margarita Vineyard

SOIL TYPE

Ancient Sea Bed 
Shale 

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

Cabernet Sauvignon 95%
Syrah 5%

HARVEST DATE

October 9 (Block 51, 52 and 53)
October 14-15 (Quarry Block)
October 30 (Block 49)

AGING REGIMEN:

18 months in French oak barrels
(35% new)

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.5%
TA: .58
pH: 3.77

CASES

PRODUCED:
2,904



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