## **E** Tortoise Creek



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON California AVA 2021

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**REGION:** California AVA

- **VINEYARDS:** The Tortoise Creek Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from sustainably farmed vineyards in Monterey (50%), Paso Robles (40%) and Clarksburg (10%). The growing methods and harvest strategy are the same for each wine in the blend but since each region ripens at different times they are harvested by block and fermented separately. The grapes are harvested at night when it is coolest.
- **WINEMAKING:** The grapes are cold soaked for 48 hours followed by about a seven-day fermentation. During the fermentation the juice is pumped over the skins 3 times per day and after 10 days it is drained and the skins are gently pressed and then combined with the fermented juice. When fermentation is complete, the different lots are combined and go through 100% malolactic fermentation. The wine is then aged for about 16 months in French oak.
- **TASTING:** Our Cabernet Sauvignon is loaded with aromas and flavors of red and black cherries supported by vanilla and cedar nuances. It is beautifully balanced with both fruit and tannins.

**FOOD PAIRING:** An ideal pairing with chicken, beef and lamb and ripe cheeses.

ALCOHOL: 13.5 % | RS: 2.25 G/L





SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES The Lodi Rules (www.lodirules.com) are California's first 3rd party certified sustainable wine growing standards designed to lead to measurable improvements in the environmental health of the surrounding ecosystem, society-at-large and wine quality. The Lodi Rules program requires growers to use a wide range of sustainable practices that result in continual improvement of all aspects of their farming operations. The Lodi Rules Program is third party certified which means the standards have been reviewed and endorsed by an organization not connected to the Lodi Winegrape Commission. Vinevards in the Lodi Rules program are certified by Protected Harvest (www.protectedharvest.org), an environmental non-profit organization that endorses farmers' use of stringent environmental farming standards.

