



MAC & BILLY CELLARS M BY MAC CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021/\$21.99



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DESCRIPTION

A new label by the makers of McPrice Myers, winery namesake McPrice “Mac” Myers, Venus Lai, and Billy Grant began this project as a “tribute to the mavericks; those who came before us, who farmed this area with grit and determination, and those who continue the legacy today with mettle and moxie.” Its first wine out of the box is a classic Paso Robles Cabernet. A wine that has all the bold fruit California is known for plus a gorgeous backbone of acidity achievable in the Paso AVA thanks to its unique climate.

The team at McPrice Myers began this project in 2021 to make great wine that honors the Paso Robles “Old School – not so much the style, but the people.” explains Mac. A gifted winemaker, Mac has been crafting unique and well-received Rhone-style wines here since 2002. He essentially “grew up” as a winemaker in Paso Robles and is more and more seeing his work recognized as his wines receive the highest accolades from the top reviewers and publications in the country.

His partner and friend Billy Grant – in charge of business development for McPrice Myers – is a true champion of Paso Robles, having been promoting the area and its wines for decades. He was selected Person of the Year in 2021 by the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, which Mac likens to a “lifetime achievement award.”

Venus Lai holds a PhD in Molecular and Medical Genetics but an incessant interest in wine led her to become an expert on fermentation and she now brings her inventive spirit, sharp mind for business, and keen sense of style into the fold. Their combined dedication and enthusiasm for Paso Robles and its wines has led them to create a label that represents the pioneering spirit, hard work, and perseverance of the Paso Robles winemaking community.

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M by Mac is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 5% Merlot, and 5% Petite Sirah. The grapes are destemmed, 3-5 day cold-soak, fermented in stainless steel and small open top bins, with pump-overs occurring during cold-soak and punch downs during fermentation. The Cabernet Sauvignon is aged 20 months in 225 and 228 liter French and American oak barriques, 20% of which were new. Mac & Billy Cellars only produced 11,746 cases.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Deep ruby-purple, it has alluring aromas of cassis, pencil shavings, dried herbs, leather and lavender, plus classy touches of oak spice.

Palate:

Chocolate-blackberry ganache, cranberry preserves, sweet mint, black licorice, dark olive, new leather, and mahogany. Palate is sleek and supple, firm, fine-grain, polished tannins, with a complex, and classy finish.

Pairing:

Cabernet Sauvignon and beef are like peanut butter and jelly. The perfect partners with steak, hamburgers with cheddar cheese, and ribs.

Winery Website: [The Wine — Mac and Billy](#)

Fun Facts

95 Points– Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate

90 Points– Wine Enthusiast



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