



## ANCIENT PEAKS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020/\$19.99



### DESCRIPTION

Ancient Peaks is a family-owned winery specializing in estate-grown wines from Margarita Vineyard, the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles appellation on California's Central Coast.

Just look at a map of Paso Robles wineries and at the very southern tip you will find the Vineyard. Here, amid the rugged Santa Lucia mountain range just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Margarita Vineyard stands alone as the only vineyard in its vicinity, and thus the only vineyard to benefit from the extraordinary growing conditions of the area. Margarita Vineyard resides in the historic Santa Margarita Ranch, which was first planted to vines by Franciscan missionaries in 1774.

Ancient Peaks and Margarita Vineyard are owned by three longtime local winegrowing families—the Filipponis, Rossis and Wittstroms—who are actively involved in the daily operations of the vineyard and winery. Ancient Peaks wines are crafted under the guidance of Mike Sinor, a local winemaking veteran and one of the highest-rated winemakers on the Central Coast.

Ancient Peaks implements numerous sustainable viticultural practices to ensure natural quality in their wines while protecting the rich, native environment surrounding the Margarita Vineyard. Their practices have earned SIP (Sustainability in Practice) Certification for Margarita Vineyard, the leading standard for viticultural sustainability.

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The vineyard is not far from the Pacific Ocean lending its cooling breezes to it; soils are made of ancient sea bed dotted with petrified oyster shells, fossils, alluvium, and shale.

The 2020 growing season was marked by a mild spring and summer, punctuated by two late-summer heat waves that accelerated the pace of ripening into harvest. After gentle destemming, the must was cold soaked for 48 hours prior to fermentation for a smooth extraction of color and flavor. After fermentation, the wine was racked to an equal combination of French and American oak barrels, where it aged for 16 months prior to blending and bottling. An inclusion of Petit Verdot from Margarita Vineyard imparted added structure, while a contribution of Malbec brought juiciness to the texture. Finally, dashes of Petite Sirah and Syrah brought enhanced color and weight to the final blend.

## Tasting Notes

### Nose:

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with heady aromas of black raspberry, cherry, sage, and tobacco leaf.

### Palate:

A juicy, mouth filling texture reveals seamless layers of currant, cherry, blueberry, dark plum and black olive with trailing hints of mocha, mineral and eucalyptus. Suggestions of vanilla bean join soft tannins on a smooth, rounded finish.

### Pairing:

Savor the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon with richly textured dishes such as beef tenderloin, sage-rubbed lamb chops, grilled portobello mushroom, and lamb Bolognese with parmesan and herbs.

Winery Website: [Welcome to Ancient Peaks Winery](#)



# Paso Robles A.V.A., Central Coast, California

