



## 2023 BREA MARGARITA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**Winemaker Notes** - This is our eighth vintage making Cabernet Sauvignon from Margarita Vineyard in southern Paso Robles. The intention is for a less oaked, more moderate alcohol Cabernet than what is typical in California from this cooler climate and late ripening site. Margarita Vineyard is a beautiful, off-the-beaten path jewel in Paso with a long growing season. It is located at 1,000 ft. elevation and 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Some people may consider this area in California to be “too cool” to fully ripen Cabernet, but we believe it to be the opposite. The maritime climate affords us a longer growing season to help ripen the Cabernet without it being overly ripe. This is a very delicate expression of California Cabernet, with mild tannins in the background from the small berries. There is also a mineral core to this wine, a common thread that you’ll find in many of the wines from this vineyard making it unique. The uplifted seabed and calcareous nature of this vineyard helps to maintain a good balanced acidity in the wine. What is also special to note is that Margarita Vineyard is the southernmost vineyard in the region of Paso Robles and is unique as it’s the only vineyard in the Santa Margarita Ranch AVA.

**Agricultural technique** - Barley is planted as an annual cover crop to reduce soil erosion, increase soil nutrients and prevent the growth of excess weeds. Goat herds are used to provide a low-impact vegetation management. The goats eat, eliminate and digest excess weeds, with the added benefit of generating more nitrogen for enhanced soil fertility. We also use natural seaweed fertilizer to promote soil nutrients and healthy vine growth.

**Blend** - 95% Cabernet Sauvignon | 5% Petite Verdot

**Soil** - Granitic Shale, Uplifted Seabed

**Winemaking** - 100% destemmed

**Aging** - 14 months in neutral French Oak barrels

**Alcohol** - 13.5%

**Production** - 1800 cases

**Vine age** - 25+ years

**Yeasts** - Native

**Filtration** - Cross-flow

**Total Sulphites** - 50 ppm

**Viticulture** - Certified Sustainable

**Vegan** - Yes

*Brea Wine Company is a collaboration between Chris Brockway, winemaker and owner of Broc Cellars, and Tim Elenteny, founder of Elenteny Imports. The wines are made with minimal intervention. Learn more at [www.breawineco.com](http://www.breawineco.com)*