

2022 Meso by LXV Cabernet Sauvignon, Gateway

Gateway Vineyard · Willow Creek AVA, Paso Robles · 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

RETAIL	CASES	ALCOHOL	PH	WINEMAKERS
\$150	145	13.9%	3.76	Jeff Strekas & Frédéric Ammons

TASTING NOTES

COLOR *Rich, deep ruby.*

NOSE *Dominated by ripe blackberries and plums, with vanilla, cinnamon, and floral undertones.*

PALATE *Full-bodied, velvety texture, well-integrated tannins, moderate acidity, and a long, spicy finish.*

94 **WINE ENTHUSIAST**

92 **DECANTER** *Stands out in a challenging vintage.*

91 **JEB DUNNUCK** *Drink 2025–2037.*

VINEYARD

Gateway Vineyard, Willow Creek AVA. The Templeton Gap wind cools the area each afternoon. Block 8S on a flat bench by a creek: well-drained limestone and shale gravel soil. LXV exclusively manages this lot for optimal pruning, shoot thinning, and canopy management.

YIELD 3 tons/acre

WINEMAKING AND ELEVAGE

Fermented on skins for 21 days in stainless steel. Early heating for full tannin extraction; later cooling for smooth fermentation and phenolic integration. Barreled to French oak from four cooperages: two new Darnajou, one new O-Chateau/Tonnellerie O, and three neutral barriques (50% new oak overall). Aged 21 months. Unfiltered and unfined.