



# Garagiste

## WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

## Straight out of Paso

Owner & Winemaker: Edgar Torres

Location: Paso Robles, California

Established by Mexican-American winemaker Edgar Torres in 2015, Straight out of Paso is a fun passion project of Edgar's that focuses on the varietals that have made Paso Robles the wine country it is today. The wines, which include Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Rhône blends (the wines Paso Robles is best known for), are approachable and true expressions of the beautiful Paso growing region. The goal is to truly celebrate what Paso Robles is all about.

Born in the village of Buenavista near Morelia in Michoacan, Mexico, Edgar Torres moved to California, specifically the Central Coast town of Cambria, at the young age of 8. When his family arrived there, they became immediately aware of the possibilities the wine industry offered and the prospects that lay ahead. Growing up, Edgar embraced his family's passion for work and love for the wine industry and started working several jobs in the food industry along the Central Coast.

Eventually, through the Cavalier Oceanfront Resort & Restaurant in San Simeon, Edgar made the acquaintance of a number of winemakers and winery owners and managed to get his first real job as a cellar rat. Working through just about every winery job imaginable, Edgar was hooked, and in 2015, dropped out of school to follow his passion into the wine industry on a full time basis. He continued his on-the-job education until he believed he knew enough about the business to try it on his own. Encouraged by his friends and having maintained a real fervor for the grape, Edgar and his wife Krissy founded their first winery, Bodega de Edgar in 2007.

Bodega de Edgar focuses on Spanish varietals (Syrah, Grenache, Albarino, Torrontes and Tempranillo) and the grapes are sourced from high quality vineyards on the Central Coast. The brand, which is an ode to Edgar's Spanish heritage, has done exceptionally well and grown to be a gem among Paso Robles' ultra boutique wineries.

In 2015, Edgar began a sister brand to Bodega de Edgar and named the project 'Straight out of Paso,' paying tribute to and shining a light on Paso Robles and the varietals that made this the famous wine growing region it is today - Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Rhône varietals. Amazingly, Zinfandel can be traced back to the 1880's in Paso Robles, before the city was even founded. This juicy, jammy, sun-loving grape has been adored and evolved ever since and it's no wonder there are now thousands of it planted all over the region. Cabernet Sauvignon, another focus at Straight out of Paso, is the most widely planted varietal in the region. Since Paso saw a 'Bordeaux boom' in the 1960's and 1970's, the region has gained a spotlight for having some of the best Cab around. Lastly, Paso Robles has become especially known for its Rhône varietals, which grow so impeccably there. Syrahs and GSM blends have become increasingly popular across the region.

Edgar Torres' Straight out of Paso Tasting Room is located in downtown Paso Robles and is available by appointment Thursday through Sunday. We are happy to share this expressive wine with our Garagiste Wine Club members.

## Straight out of Paso 2018 Zinfandel

200 cases produced

Paso Robles, California

A wine intended to tell a story of the wonderful varieties of grapes grown in Paso Robles, and in this case, the pioneer grape of the region, the Straight out of Paso 2018 Zinfandel is everything we love about this varietal. Lush, approachable and well balanced with firm structure and fresh fruit flavors, this 2018 Zinfandel offers notes of stewed cherries, cedar and all spice with hints of black pepper, raspberry and blackberry. The complex fruit and attractive spice notes linger on the soft finish. Aged 24 months in oak. 100% Zinfandel. Enjoy!

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$28.00 / bottle

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\*2 bottle minimum per wine, per order. Shipping and tax (if applicable) not included. Call for details.

