

2013

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles
98% Cabernet Sauvignon · 2% Petit Verdot



VINEYARD

100% of the grapes for this wine were grown at Heart Hill Vineyard, which is named for the naturally occurring grove of oak trees in the shape of a heart facing 46 West. The vineyard is composed almost entirely of south-facing, hillside plantings on steep rocky slopes of primarily siliceous shale. The grapes for this wine come from a portion of our 3 1/2 acre block on the face of Heart Hill, our premier Cabernet Sauvignon block from the vintage. After a very dry year in 2012, Paso Robles received much needed rains after harvest. Milder temperatures coupled with the maturing of our young blocks lead to much more complexity in our wines across the board.

WINEMAKING

We knew this particular block of Cabernet Sauvignon represented the best fruit from the vineyard that year. For that reason, we carved out a small piece of the block to chase a long fermentation, with Petit Verdot from an adjacent block added to the tank for even deeper color & phenolics. Extended maceration of almost four weeks produced a burly wine with amazing density, structure, tannins & acid. We then aged it in barrel for 20 months before bottling it unfiltered. Early Maturity - decant it to drink now or age an additional 10+ years in your cellar.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	337
BLOCKS	H3
VINEYARD	Heart Hill Vineyard
AVERAGE BRIX	26.2°
pH/TA	3.3/7.0 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.3%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.1 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	20 months
COOPERAGE	85% French Oak, 50% New
CASES PRODUCED	150