

2014

RESERVE CABERNET FRANC

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

87% Cabernet Franc, 10% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD

Named for the naturally occurring grove of oak trees in the shape of heart facing 46 West, Heart Hill Vineyard is located at the gateway to Paso Robles west-side wine country. The vineyard is composed almost entirely of south-facing, hillside plantings on steep rocky slopes of primarily siliceous shale. The grapes produce rich, powerful, and well-structured wines. We grow a single block of Cabernet Franc at Heart Hill Vineyard, visible on the right hand side as your drive into the tasting room. The 2014 vintage was a fantastic growing season and these four acres developed to be some of the best Cabernet Franc we've ever seen from this property.

WINEMAKING

In 2014 this southern-facing slope developed so beautifully that it became the dominant varietal in our 2014 Fog Catcher. The small amount that was leftover had exceptional structure, fruit & body. It spent 14 months on 50% New French Oak which added even more structure & spice to the already opulent wine.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	327
BLOCKS	2, 4, 3
VINEYARD	Heart Hill Vineyard
AVERAGE BRIX	26.0°
pH/TA	3.4/6.2 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AVERAGE YIELD	1.75 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	21 months
COOPERAGE	50% new French Oak
CASES PRODUCED	332