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WINE ESTATES

2014

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bootjack Ranch & Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

CLONE

4,337,33,15,169,8,35

ROOTSTOCK

5BB, 110R, 101-14, 1103P

HARVEST DATE

September 2nd - October 10th

AVERAGE BRIX

25.8°

AVERAGE YIELD

2.7 Tons/Acre

pH / TA

3.6/6.3 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.1%

VINEYARD

82% Bootjack Ranch
18% Heart Hill Vineyard

BLEND

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9%
Malbec, 3% Merlot, 2% Carménère

COOPERAGE

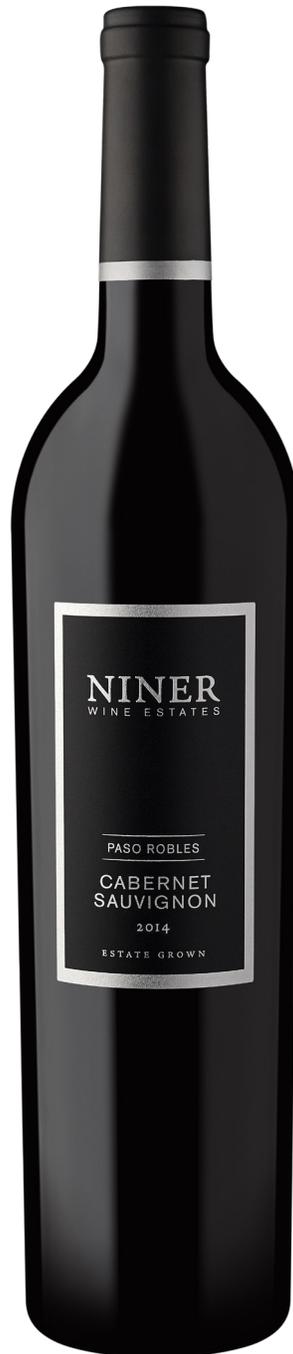
95% French, 5% Hungarian Barrels
38% New Barrels

BARREL AGING

21 months

AGING RECOMMENDATION

Peak Maturity - Drink now
Fall 2020



SITE

The majority of grapes for this wine were grown at Bootjack Ranch. Sprawled out on the eastern side of Paso Robles, Bootjack Ranch has two distinct soil profiles: expansive flats of calcareous soils (ancient crustacean remains) and rolling hills of sandy loam. The flat sections have high lime content, while the hillsides are well-draining. Each offers its strengths, and we have been refining our rootstock and varietal choices to determine how to take advantage of the diversity.

IN THE VINEYARD

Despite the ongoing drought (and in some cases because of it) the 2014 vintage was fantastic. A warm and dry winter lead to an early bud-break with the season's largest and only rainstorm shortly after. It was a miracle storm as it lead to healthy root system development, full canopies, and good vine balance.

IN THE WINERY

The grapes were hand-picked at night and delivered to our LEED-certified winery. Upon arrival the fruit was whole cluster-sorted, destemmed and sorted a second time. To preserve the unique qualities that developed in the vineyard we kept the fermentation temperatures low and left the juice in contact with the skins for several days after primary fermentation to develop the tannins and add structure to the wine.