

2014  
**RESERVE SYRAH**

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

100% Syrah



**VINEYARD**

Steep rocky hillsides and cool afternoon breezes at Heart Hill Vineyard help make our Reserve Syrah one of the most exceptional wines we produce from this site. Crafted from only the most expressive blocks, this inky wine's delicate cherry blossom and blackberry notes intrigue, while a palate full of smoke and earthy char impress. Our 10 acres of Syrah at Heart Hill Vineyard are divided into 8 different blocks depending on location in the vineyard. In 2014 two blocks stood out from the rest and we blended them together to create this wine. Block 22 and 26 are adjacent to each other and are nestled into a bowl on the hillside of the vineyard. In certain years these vines produce the best Syrah in our portfolio and we create a Reserve Wine to showcase that.

**WINEMAKING**

As with our Estate Syrah, we put this wine through a long, slow and cool fermentation to gently extract complexity from the already deeply-pigmented and powerful grapes. We then select the absolute highest quality French Oak barrels in the cellar to age this wine in. A mix of standard barrels and large-format puncheons create layers of flavor in an already nuanced wine and help relax the naturally high acidity that show this wine's age-worthiness off. After we bottled this wine we let it age in in our cellar for an extra year before releasing it to you, ensuring additional complexity. Aging Recommendation: Peak Maturity - Drink now and decant.

<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Patrick Muran
<b>CLONES</b>	Alban, 7
<b>BLOCKS</b>	H22, H26
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Heart Hill Vineyard
<b>AVERAGE BRIX</b>	26.9°
<b>pH/TA</b>	3.6/6.0 g/L
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	15.1%
<b>AVERAGE YIELD</b>	2.8 tons/acre
<b>BARREL AGING</b>	19 months
<b>COOPERAGE</b>	40% new French Oak
<b>CASES PRODUCED</b>	186