

2015
**RESERVE CABERNET
SAUVIGNON**

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

100% Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD

This wine features two of our hillside Cabernet Sauvignon blocks at Bootjack Ranch, both of which were planted in 2009. Farmed on well-drained, sandy hillsides that are perfect for high quality viticulture, the vines had reached a level of maturity in 2015 worthy of a reserve wine. In many ways the 2015 vintage was a challenging one with the combined effects of four years of drought and a cool spring resulting in dramatically reduced yields. However, despite the challenges, long hangtimes and the reduced yields resulted in beautiful concentration and complexity.

WINEMAKING

From a winemaking perspective, the beauty of this wine is in its clarity of focus. Specifically, it's 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, all of which is a single clone - 15 - a French clone known for its density and structure. To accentuate what the vineyard gave us we hand-selected French Oak barrels, over half of which were new, lending spice and structure to the wine. We bottled this wine in June of 2017 after 22 months of barrel aging and allowed it to develop in bottle for another year before releasing it.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	15
BLOCKS	A9, A10
AVERAGE BRIX	27.1°
pH/TA	3.6/6.5 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.8 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	22 months
COOPERAGE	52% new French Oak