

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2015  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
ESTATE GROWN

**WINEMAKER**

Patrick Muran

**CLONES**

400, 8, 4, 595, 15, 33, 47

**ROOT STOCK**

101-14, 1103P, 5BB

**HARVEST DATES**

September 10th - October 9th

**pH / TA**

3.67/6.2 g/L

**ALCOHOL**

14.5 %

**VINEYARD BLEND**

76% Bootjack Ranch  
24% Heart Hill Vineyard

**VARIETAL BLEND**

84% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
9% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec,  
2% Cabernet Franc

**BARREL AGING**

21 months

**CASES PRODUCED**

1,680



**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**

2015 was a challenging year due to a combination of the extended drought and intensive winds during flowering in the Spring. These tough conditions led to, in the worst cases, a 50% lower yield than average in some of our Cabernet Sauvignon blocks. This produced small clusters with tiny berries, concentrated with flavor and phenolics.

**IN THE WINERY**

With such a small harvest of our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon we devoted extra attention to the fruit we did get. Extended maceration techniques and long, slow fermentations allowed peak extraction of phenolics, dark fruit characters and highly finessed tannins. 18 months of barrel aging in carefully selected, quality French Oak softened all of these high pedigree features and the wine developed into a beautifully structured wine with firm tannins that promises a long life ahead.