

2015
**RESERVE
MALBEC**

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

91% Malbec · 6% Cabernet Sauvignon · 3% Petit Verdot



VINEYARD

We farm just four acres of Malbec grapes at Heart Hill Vineyard. This single block of Malbec is located on the hillsides adjacent to the Heart and consistently produces exceptional fruit. The south-facing slopes and well drained soil coupled with the cooling afternoon breezes in this block of Heart Hill Vineyard allow the fruit to mature slowly and beautifully, amplifying the dark fruit flavors while preserving the acidity necessary for a well-balanced wine. Due to windy conditions during flowering we saw lower yields in the 2015 vintage, but this Malbec block emerged unscathed with normal yields. We harvested in mid September and most of the grapes went towards Fog Catcher with a limited amount dedicated to this Reserve Malbec.

IN THE WINERY

The sheer color and saturation of this wine always amazes our Winemaking team, and the 2015 vintage was no exception. It is inky and dark from the beginning which is why it makes such a great blending component of Fog Catcher. The expansive nature of this wine allows us to age it in over 50% new French oak barrels for 23 months. After bottling, the wine was held back and cellared for an additional year, resulting in a breathtaking and complex Malbec.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	595, 15, 2
BLOCKS	4, A1, A9, A10
AVERAGE BRIX	26.5°
pH/TA	3.6/6.1 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.8 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	23 months
COOPERAGE	54% New French Oak