

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2016

NINER RED

estate grown

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

AVERAGE BRIX

26.2°

pH / TA

3.6/ 6.0g/L

ALCOHOL

14.1%

VARIETAL BLEND

22% Cabernet Franc, 22%
Malbec, 16% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, 8% Petit
Verdot,
8% Zinfandel, 4% Mouvedre,
4% Merlot, 3% Grenache, 3%
Carmenere

COOPERAGE

38% New Oak

BARREL AGING

20 months

CASES PRODUCED

5,130



SITE

All of the grapes in this blend were grown at one of our three estate vineyards on the Central Coast of California. Heart Hill Vineyard is located on the western side of Paso Robles, Bootjack Ranch is located on the eastern side of Paso Robles and Jespersen Ranch lies in the Edna Valley region about 30 miles south of Paso Robles.

IN THE VINEYARD

2016 was a dry year with heat spikes late in the growing season. A cool fall with average fruit yields extended our fruit hang time on the vines allowing for slow, even maturation with lower than average sugar accumulation. The complexity in this wine comes from the wide breadth of varietals that performed well in the vineyard.

IN THE WINERY

We hand-picked each varietal at night from our vineyards and then hand-sorted the grapes at our winery the following morning. The grapes are delivered to tank using gravity to control extraction and conserve energy. Each varietal is fermented and barreled independently and aged 20 months in a combination of French and Hungarian Oak. 38% of the oak was new adding warmth and richness to the blend.

TASTING NOTES

This exceptionally dark-hued wine captures your attention right out of the bottle and exudes meaty aromatics full of dark fruits & pepper. A finely grained & textured palate is studded with dark chocolate, berry pie & white pepper notes outlined by tannins.