

2016 TWISTED SPUR

Heart Hill Vineyard

40% Syrah · 30% Cabernet Franc
28% Malbec · 2% Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD

The 2016 vintage was defined by a drought lifting rainy winter, warm spring and even temperatures throughout the growing season. The result was a wonderfully balanced vintage where we were able to achieve optimal flavor development with great natural acidities. Both Bordeaux and Rhone varieties thrive at Heart Hill and Twisted Spur is unrestricted blend of the two. Built on a foundation of Syrah with strong contributions of Cabernet Franc and Malbec this vintage of Twisted Spur is powerful, concentrated and well-structured all qualities that are a hallmark of both the site and the vintage.

IN THE WINERY

Our winemaking team approaches this wine with a creative and unrestricted attitude and lets the vintage dictate what the blend includes. Stylistically this wine is always big & bold in 2016 the main component of the blend, Syrah, came predominantly from Block 6 which consistently produces dark and inky colored wine with audacious flavor. The wine was aged in 80% new French oak barrels to soften the wine and tame the naturally dark fruit flavors. The wine was blended after 14 months of barrel aging and then aged in barrel for another 14 months, giving it a total of 28 months in barrel. This lent structure to the mid-palate and introduced fine-grained texture and soft aromatics in this powerful wine with impressive structure and dark fruit. This wine can easily be cellared for the next 8+ years and will continue to develop.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	337, 327, 595, Alban, 7
ROOTSTOCK	101-14, 1103P
VINEYARD	Heart Hill Vineyard
AVERAGE BRIX	27.2
pH/TA	3.5/6.7 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.3%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.5 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	28 months
COOPERAGE	80% New French Oak
CASES PRODUCED	200