

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2017

## CLUB 9 RED

Heart Hill Vineyard & Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

### WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

### CLONE

11, 598, 595

### BLOCK

B4, H11, H4, A3, H10

### HARVEST DATES

9/7/17-10/9/17

### AVERAGE BRIX

25.7

### pH / TA

3.7/5.6

### ALCOHOL

13.9%

### BLEND

68% Malbec, 20% Syrah, 10%  
Mourvedre,  
2% Cabernet Sauvignon

### COOPERAGE

39% New French Oak

### BARREL AGING

20 Months

### CASES PRODUCED

434



### VINEYARD

We grow these grapes at our two estate vineyards in Paso Robles. Heart Hill Vineyard is in the Willow Creek District and Bootjack Ranch is in the Geneseo District. The 2017 vintage was the official end of the drought in Paso Robles. Consistent rain throughout winter and cooler temperatures throughout summer helped our grapes mature slowly and evenly. Two heat spikes at the end of the growing season made things interesting, but we navigated them well. We picked these grapes right after the first heat spike and before the second resulting in a higher acid, balanced and refined wine.

### WINEMAKING

To make this wine we bring people from across our team together for a friendly blending competition. Our winemaking team selects an array of great wines to choose from, each team member composes a blend and everyone votes for their favorite (without knowing whose is whose!) In 2017, our Enologist Bricklyn created the winning blend. This wine is always made with our Club Member's favorite varietals and in 2017, Malbec was the standout. After 20 months of barrel aging in 39% new French Oak the finished wine is well balanced, juicy and finishes with soft tannins.