

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2017

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Estate Grown*

### WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

### CLONES

33, 35, 169, 337, 15, 4, 8, 31

### ROOT STOCK

1103P, 5BB, 101-14

### HARVEST DATES

September 15th - November 1st

### PH / TA

3.7/6.2 g/L

### ALCOHOL

13.9 %

### VINEYARD BLEND

80% Bootjack Ranch  
20% Heart Hill Vineyard

### VARIETAL BLEND

92% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4% Cabernet Franc,  
4% Petit Verdot

### BARREL AGING

26 months  
43% New French Oak



### SITE

The majority of grapes for this wine were grown at Bootjack Ranch. Located in the Geneseo district of Paso Robles, the vineyard 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. Warm days and cool nights encourage development of classic, dark cherry flavors to create an elegant and classic expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### IN THE VINEYARD

2017 was a long growing season marked with a couple of heat spikes as we approached harvest season. Luckily the vines at Bootjack Ranch fared very well through the heat and continued into a moderate end to the growing season. The result was long hang-times and wonderfully complex fruit with lower sugar levels. The majority of this wine came from blocks 10 and 2, the two oldest blocks in the vineyard.

### IN THE WINERY

This wine exhibits the benefits of an all estate process as our years of experience with farming Cabernet at Bootjack has allowed us to develop the best fermentation and barreling techniques to highlight the unique characteristics of the site. A portion of the wine went through a stressed, warm maceration period to extract fruit characteristics, while the rest went through extended maceration at lower temperatures to add finesse and elegance. Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc add length and structure to the finished blend.