

2018

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

79% Cabernet Sauvignon · 16% Petit Verdot · 5% Malbec



VINEYARD

Bootjack Ranch is our oldest estate vineyard, and we have been farming Cabernet Sauvignon at this site for nearly 20 years. 2018 was a fantastic year to farm grapes at Bootjack Ranch. March rainstorms promoted lots of canopy growth in our vines which created a canvas for a healthy growing season. Moderate temperatures throughout the year were a welcome change. This long, extended growing season allowed for full development of spice, richness and fruit flavors in our Cabernet Sauvignon. We hand-harvested these grapes in late October - one of our last harvests of the year.

WINEMAKING

One particular hillside of Cabernet Sauvignon has a reputation for producing remarkable grapes each year. We always feature it in our best blends of the vintage. In 2018, we harvested the block, de-stemmed the grapes and fermented them in a stainless steel tank. A long fermentation of nearly 25 days elicited rich flavors and full tannins. In order to preserve the wine's natural beauty and finesse we opted to only use 100% free run wine. This decision produced less wine, but of a higher quality. We selected 18 of our best French Oak barrels to age it in for 19 months before bottling. Peak Maturity—drink now or age an additional 5+ years in your cellar.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	15, 8, 400
BLOCKS	A9, A8, B4
AVERAGE BRIX	25.7°
pH/TA	3.7/6.0 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.2%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.7 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	19 months
COOPERAGE	55% New French Oak