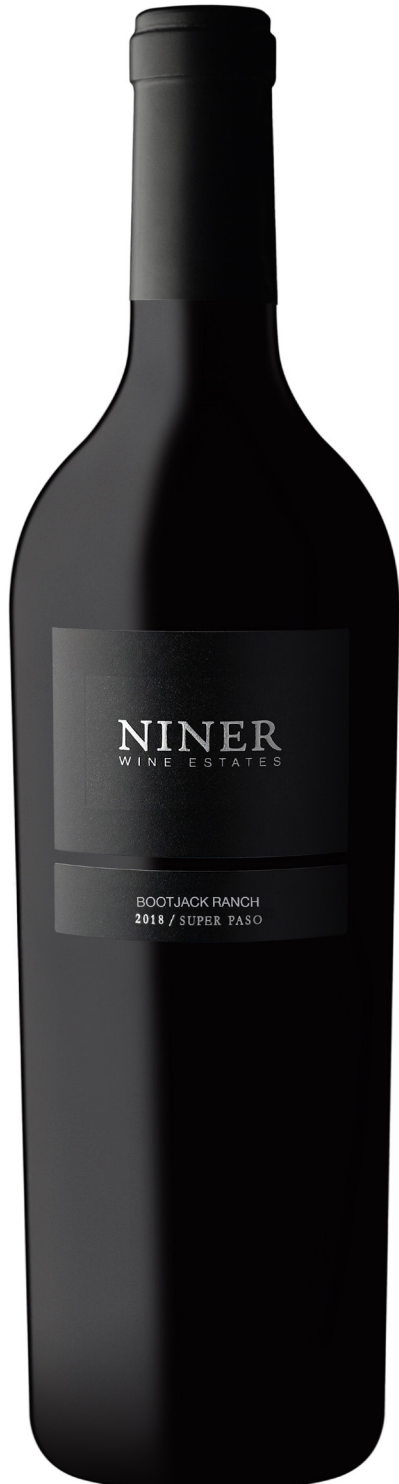


2018  
**RESERVE  
SUPER PASO**

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

50% *Petit Verdot* · 33% *Barbera* · 15% *Cabernet Sauvignon*  
2% *Sangiovese*



#### VINEYARD

The fantastic weather of 2018 resulted in a near perfect growing season at Bootjack Ranch. The mild weather allowed us to harvest each block of grapes leisurely and intentionally. The Petit Verdot in particular showed fantastic color and flavor development that made it stand out. As soon as we harvested it, we knew it would become the focus of the vintage's Super Paso.

#### WINEMAKING

The name "Super Paso" is inspired by Super Tuscans - blends made by Italian winemakers who took an unconventional path and added French grape varieties to their Sangiovese. As an ode to those renegade winemakers, we add non-Italian varieties to our Sangiovese and Barbera for additional complexity. The Petit Verdot, which made up half of the blend, had robust color, beautiful fruit flavors and exceptionally well-balanced tannins. Barbera's plush and approachable profile made it a great counterbalance to the dark Petit Verdot. All four grape varieties were harvested and fermented individually in stainless steel tanks. The blend was composed shortly after harvest and aged together for 17 months in 40% new French Oak barrels. Aging Recommendation: Early Maturity - Drink now or hold for additional aging. Reviewed January 2021.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	2, 400, 84, 15, VCR-06
BLOCKS	A1, A8, B3b, A9, B14
VINEYARD	Bootjack Ranch
AVERAGE BRIX	25.8°
pH/TA	3.7/6.2 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.1%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.6 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	17 months
COOPERAGE	40% New French Oak
PRICE	\$65