

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2018

## SYRAH

Heart Hill Vineyard & Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

### WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

### CLONE

877, 174, 513, 2

### ROOTSTOCK

1103P, 101-14, 5BB

### HARVEST DATES

September 20th - October 27th

### AVERAGE BRIX

26.2°

### AVERAGE YIELD

2.8 Tons/Acre

### pH / TA

3.6/6.5 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.7%

### VINEYARD

90% Heart Hill Vineyard

10% Bootjack Ranch

### BLEND

83% Syrah, 9% Petit Verdot

5% Mourvèdre, 3% Grenache

### COOPERAGE

28% new French Oak

### BARREL AGING

21 months



### VINTAGE

2018 was a fantastic year to farm grapes in Paso Robles. 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. The result was great flavor development and high natural acidity in our grapes, which means we could harvest them at the optimal time. We farm 10 acres of Syrah at Heart Hill Vineyard and harvested it from mid-September to late October.

### IN THE WINERY

We first hand-harvested and de-stemmed the grapes, saving about 20% of the stems. The berries were lightly crushed and put into stainless steel tanks for a long and slow fermentation. We sun-dried the stems for a few days and then incorporated them back into the tanks. This technique lends an interesting layer of spice to the fresh fruit flavors that Syrah is renowned for. The wine was aged in a variety of French Oak barrels for 21 months before being bottled. Small amounts of Petit Verdot, Mourvèdre and Grenache add flavors to this dense and powerful wine. Early Maturity - decant it to drink now or age an additional 5+ years in your cellar.