

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2019

## CLUB 9

Bootjack Ranch & Jespersen Ranch

### WINEMAKER

Craig Macmillan

### VINEYARD

Bootjack Ranch  
Jespersen Ranch

### CLONE

348, 181, 171, Rodino, 33

### BLOCK

B5ab, B3, J20, B12, B2

### AVERAGE BRIX

25.1

### pH / TA

3.6/5.8

### ALCOHOL

14.3%

### BLEND

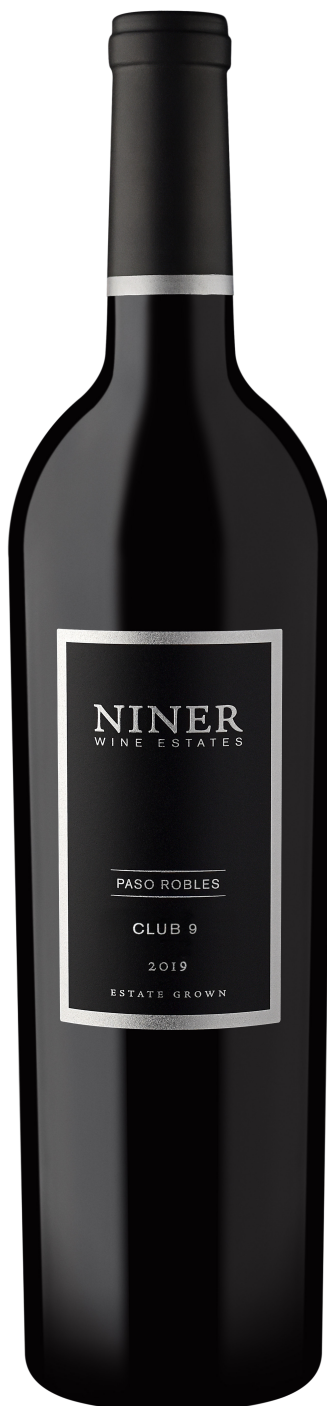
44% Merlot,  
20% Barbera, 15%  
Sangiovese, 14% Grenache,  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
2% Cabernet Franc

### COOPERAGE

58% New French Oak

### BARREL AGING

20 Months



### VINEYARD

The 2019 vintage was excellent across all three of our vineyards. Ample rainfall and moderate temperatures led to a long, even growing season. When harvest arrived in the Fall, we were able to take our time and selectively harvest grape clusters at their peak ripeness, without the rush that late season heat or rain can cause. As a result, we harvested the grapes for this wine between 9/16 (Bootjack Ranch Merlot is always one of our first picks) and 10/31 (Jespersen Ranch Grenache is always our last). Most of the grapes for this wine (84%) come from Bootjack Ranch, our original vineyard in the Geneseo District of Paso Robles, but it also includes grapes from Jespersen Ranch and very small amount from Heart Hill Vineyard.

### IN THE WINERY

To make this wine, we bring staff members together for a friendly blending competition. Our Winemakers select an array of varieties to choose from and each team member composes a blend. Then, everyone blind tastes each of the blends and votes for their favorite. In 2019, our Critical Resources Manager, Craig Macmillan, composed the winning blend. This is a rare wine for us as it combines fruit from both Bootjack Ranch and Jespersen Ranch. We generally keep the two separate to highlight the unique qualities of each site but this wine proves that the two also complement each other well.