

2019

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles
91% Cabernet Sauvignon · 9% Cabernet Franc



VINEYARD

The 2019 vintage was excellent at Bootjack Ranch. Ample rainfall and moderate temperatures lead 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 sometimes cause. This wine is a combination of two blocks (11 and 14) both of which were some of our last picks at Bootjack Ranch. Block 11 (clone 8) was particularly strong and ultimately chosen as the foundation of the wine at 78% of the total blend.

IN THE WINERY

We hand-sorted, destemmed and gravity-fed the grapes into stainless steel tanks. Before fermentation we added a small amount of Cabernet Franc to co-ferment with the Cabernet Sauvignon, which added a long-persistent tannin structure. We pursued a relatively hot and short fermentation using pump-overs as our primary extraction tool. We pressed the grapes after 10 days and aged the wine in standard oak barrels for 20 months. We used a barrel from the Birtrange forest in France, chosen specifically for the spicy tones it lends to the wine. 55% of the barrels were new French Oak. This wine embodies the classic characteristics of east-side Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon with a combination of both fruit (raspberry) and spice (anise). Drink now through 2030.

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| WINEMAKER | Patrick Muran |
| CLONES | 8, 169, 623 |
| BLOCKS | A11, A14, A5 |
| AVERAGE BRIX | 25.4° |
| pH/TA | 3.7/6.0 g/L |
| ALCOHOL | 14.3% |
| AVERAGE YIELD | 2.6 tons/acre |
| BARREL AGING | 20 months |
| COOPERAGE | 55% New French Oak |