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WINE ESTATES

2019

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard & Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

CLONE

4, 8, 33, 31, 337, 338

ROOTSTOCK

101-14, 1130P, 5BB

HARVEST DATES

October 7th - October 29th

AVERAGE BRIX

25.1°

AVERAGE YIELD

2.3 Tons/Acre

pH / TA

3.8/5.9 g/L

ALCOHOL

13.9%

VINEYARD

52% Heart Hill Vineyard

48% Bootjack Ranch

BLEND

84% Cabernet Sauvignon,

6% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec,

4% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE

42% new French Oak

BARREL AGING

20 months

VINEYARD

We farm our estate Cabernet Sauvignon at two vineyards in Paso Robles. About half of the grapes come from Heart Hill Vineyard, tucked into the rocky, steep hillsides on the Westside of the AVA. We farm the other half in the rolling hills and sandy soils of Bootjack Ranch. The 2019 vintage was temperate and even, resulting in a crop of well balanced, gorgeous Cabernet Sauvignon across both sites.

WINEMAKING

In 2019 we hand-harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes throughout the month of October. This slow, methodical harvest allows us to capture the complex spectrum of flavors that Cabernet Sauvignon is revered for: vibrant, dark cherry, brushy herbs, powerful tannins and full bodied fruit. We de-stemmed the grapes and fermented them in stainless steel tanks. Only free run juice was used in this bottling, and we aged it in 42% new French Oak barrels for 20 months before bottling. The wine is vibrant and youthful, with a balance of dark fruit flavors, persistent and plush tannins and a cool, herbal tone.

