

2019

# RESERVE TWISTED SPUR

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

36% Malbec · 28% Syrah · 12% Cabernet Sauvignon  
11% Cabernet Franc · 11% Petit Verdot · 2% Mourvèdre



## VINEYARD

The 2019 vintage was excellent at Heart Hill Vineyard. 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. We harvested the grapes for this wine between 10/4 – 10/29. The Malbec block that made up the base of this blend was harvested in two separate picks, two weeks apart, as the top of the block ripened faster than the bottom.

## WINEMAKING

Twisted Spur is an unconstrained blend using some of the best fruit in any given vintage off Heart Hill Vineyard. In 2019 we selected some of our most powerful lots, specifically block 4 Malbec, block 25 Syrah, and block 5 Petit Verdot. We hand-sorted, destemmed and gravity-fed the grapes into stainless steel tanks. We fermented and aged each varietal separately for 14 months before composing the blend. After blending, the wine was put back into a new set of barrels (the wine takes on a new life once blended and therefore needs a different barrel profile). In total this wine spent 22 months in French oak barrels, 65% of which were new. This is a rich and opulent wine that we expect to evolve and age well over the next 10+ years.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	595, 327, 400, 174, 7
BLOCKS	H25, H4, H15, H5, H26
AVERAGE BRIX	25.8°
pH/TA	3.8/5.9 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.6%
AVERAGE YIELD	1.8 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	22 months
COOPERAGE	65% new French Oak