

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2017 MALBEC ESTATE GROWN

WINEMAKER
Patrick Muran

CLONES
9, 595, 11, 598

HARVEST DATES
September 26th - October 4th

AVERAGE YIELDS
4.5 TPA

AVERAGE BRIX
24.9°

PH / TA
3.7/5.8 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.4%

VINEYARD BLEND
57% Bootjack Ranch, 43% Heart
Hill Vineyard

VARIETAL BLEND
76% Malbec, 13% Syrah, 9%
Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE
60% New French Oak Barrels

BARREL AGING
22 months

CASES PRODUCED
422

RETAIL PRICE
\$40



SITE

We farm just nine acres of Malbec across both of our vineyards in Paso Robles. Our vines at Bootjack Ranch sprawl over the rolling calcareous flats. At Heart Hill Vineyard, our 4 acres run up steep, rocky hillsides. Each site produces a different expression of the varietal and this wine is a wonderful example of how the two vineyards can blend together.

IN THE VINEYARD

In 2017 a cool and rainy Spring and temperate Summer were followed by a couple of heat waves in September. The turbulent weather led to some stressful picking decisions, but we generally navigated the harvest well and we saw increased depth and dark fruit flavors develop in our Malbec.

IN THE WINERY

Malbec's natural deep color and dark plum/chocolate flavors make it a great blending grape and it often plays a large supporting role in wines like Twisted Spur and Fog Catcher. But in this bottle: it's the star. 76% Malbec is accented with smaller amounts of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot to create a juicy and layered wine. 22 months of aging in 60% new French Oak barrels softened its inherently rich nature and make it approachable in its youth.