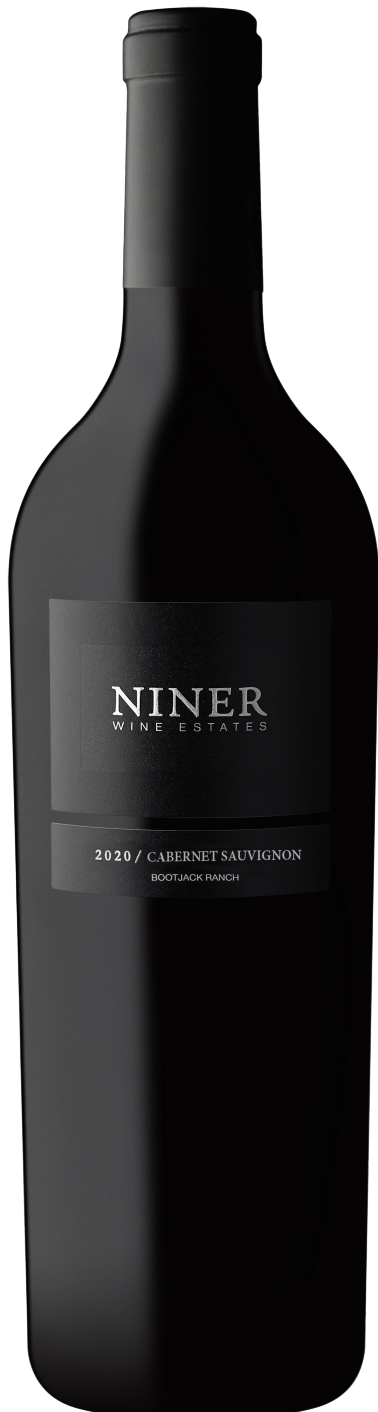


2020

# RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles  
*100% Cabernet Sauvignon*



## VINEYARD

The 2020 vintage was unforgettable. For the first half of the growing season our vineyards were an escape from the rest of the world with well-timed rains in the spring, no frost events and moderate to cool temperatures through July. However, conditions changed dramatically in August and September with two separate weeks of record-breaking heat which accelerated ripening. In addition, fires to the north and south of us brought periods of smoke exposure. We harvested the grapes for this wine a bit earlier than normal in mid-September, and successfully avoided any heat and smoke damage.

## WINEMAKING

This wine is made from a combination of our oldest block of Cabernet Sauvignon at Bootjack Ranch and our two newest blocks. Block 10, our oldest plantings, produces a vibrant wine with bright red fruit characteristics. The newer plantings, Blocks 16 & 9, have dark fruit, structure and depth. After primary fermentation, the three blocks were blended together to age in oak barrels. We kept the new oak touch light, favoring over 60% neutral barrels, to complement the wine's delicate qualities and preserve its vibrancy. The finished wine is complex and fresh, with flavors of dark cherry, rosemary and vanilla finished with elegant, refined tannins.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	4, 169, 35
BLOCKS	A9, B10, A16
AVERAGE BRIX	25.4°
pH/TA	3.6/6.0 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.1%
AVERAGE YIELD	1.8 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	20 months
COOPERAGE	37% new French Oak