

2020
**RESERVE
SUPER PASO**

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

56% *Petit Verdot* · 18% *Cabernet Sauvignon*
10% *Barbera* · 10% *Sangiovese* · 6% *Malbec*



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. The varieties in this blend all thrive in a warmer climate, so the fruit that was vibrant and lively upon harvest, despite the end of season heat. We harvested the between September 23rd and October 7th.

WINEMAKING

The name "Super Paso" is our tribute to "Super Tuscans" – blends made by Italian winemakers who scorned tradition and added non-indigenous grapes to their blends. Normally, Sangiovese and Barbera make up the base of this blend, but in 2020, our Petit Verdot was stunning and became the star of the blend at 56%. We co-fermented the Petit Verdot with Sangiovese and Barbera in stainless steel and aged the wine in a combination of oak casks, barrels and puncheons. After 14 months, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon were added to the blend. This wine is elegant and balanced, boasting notes of blackberry, violet and cocoa with a long, structured finish.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	2, 9, 400, 169, Rodino, 171
BLOCKS	A1 A3, A9, B12
AVERAGE BRIX	26°
pH/TA	3.7/5.8 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.3 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	16 months
COOPERAGE	32% new French Oak