

2020

RESERVE TWISTED SPUR

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

50% *Petit Verdot* · 24% *Malbec*
24% *Syrah* · 2% *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. Thankfully, our vineyards escaped the effects of the smoke and cooler fall temperatures allowed the fruit to hang on the vine longer and come in at optimal ripeness. Twisted Spur is composed using some of the best fruit in any given vintage and in 2020, the blend was created with some of our most powerful blocks, specifically block 15 Petit Verdot, Block 11 Syrah, Block 4 Malbec and Block 5 Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING

We hand sorted the grapes before fermenting each varietal separately in stainless steel tanks. Block 11 Syrah fermented with 20% stem inclusion to enhance its inherent earth and spice elements. We aged each varietal separately for 16 months in 60% new French oak before creating the final blend. The blend was then aged in neutral French oak for an additional 13 months to soften the robust tannins. Petit Verdot forms a dark, opulent base, with plush red fruits from the Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, and a savory and dried herb quality from the Syrah.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	400, 595, 174, 337
BLOCKS	H15, H4, H11, H5
AVERAGE BRIX	26.9°
pH/TA	4.0/5.9 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.1 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	22 months
COOPERAGE	65% new French Oak