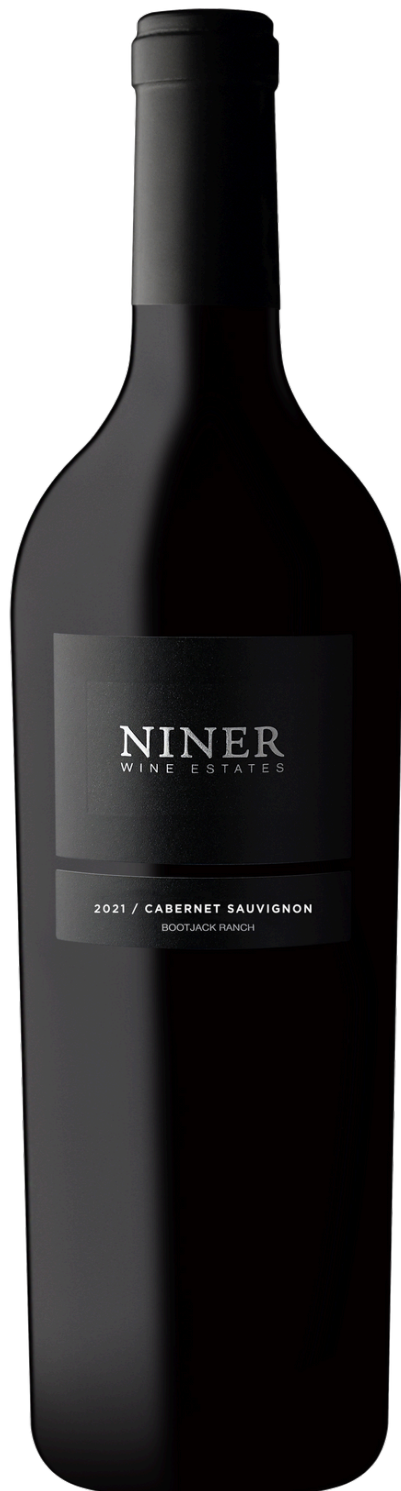


2021 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles
98% Cabernet Sauvignon · 2% Cabernet Franc



VINEYARD

2021 was a benchmark vintage and many vintners, ourselves included, feel that it's one of the best of the last decade. We felt that it was a fitting goodbye for us as it was our last year working with our original vineyard, Bootjack Ranch. We had the trifecta of an excellent growing season. It was dry, cool and long - everything we need to grow impressive Bordeaux grapes. The year started with a dry winter and cool spring, resulting in a lower-than-average fruit set and small berries. The warm summer yielded to a cool Fall, allowing for slow, even ripening.

WINEMAKING

This wine is crafted from two of our oldest Cabernet Sauvignon blocks at Bootjack Ranch along with one newer block. All three are loved for their structure, vibrancy, and deep color. We hand-harvested, destemmed and pressed the grapes into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. After fermentation, we transferred the wine to French oak barrels, 44% of which were new. This wine aged for 27 months, developing rich flavors and refined tannins before bottling. We kept the oak influence subtle to complement the wine's inherent qualities and preserve freshness. The resulting wine is complex and layered with brushy herbal tones, notes of cherry and a hint of rosemary with elegant, refined tannins.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	33, 35, 4
BLOCKS	A15, B2a, B2b
AVERAGE BRIX	25°
pH/TA	3.8/6.2 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.1%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.2 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	27 months
COOPERAGE	44% new French oak