

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2021

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

### WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

### CLONE

337, 169, 31, 33, 338

### ROOTSTOCK

1103P, 101-14

### HARVEST DATES

September 9, 2021–October 8, 2021

### AVERAGE BRIX

25.6°

### AVERAGE YIELD

2.5 Tons/Acre

### pH / TA

3.73/6.2 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### VINEYARD

100% Heart Hill Vineyard

### BLEND

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

### COOPERAGE

34% New French Oak

### BARREL AGING

27 months



### VINEYARD

The 2021 vintage is a benchmark for a dry and cool vintage in Paso Robles. The vintage started with a dry winter and a cool spring, resulting in restrained canopy growth, a slightly lower-than-average fruit set, and small berries. Thankfully, the weather was exceptional the rest of the growing season with moderate temperatures allowing for slow, even ripening and the flexibility to pick at just the right time during harvest. 2021 wines are wonderfully complex and should age gracefully. Crafted from five clones across seven vineyard blocks at Heart Hill Vineyard, this wine captures the full complexity of the site. We harvested the grapes for this wine over a month between September 9, 2021, and October 8, 2021.

### WINEMAKING

This Cabernet Sauvignon gives you a glimpse into an estate wine that embodies the rich diversity of Heart Hill Vineyard. We selected grapes from across the site with unique flavors and characteristics and fermented and aged them in small lots with a variety of winemaking techniques. Fermentations took place in stainless steel, with durations ranging from 10–40 days. Each lot was then aged separately for 18 months in a mix of traditional barrels and French oak casks; 34% of which were new. After this initial aging, the lots were blended and matured together for an additional nine months, allowing for the integration of flavor and texture. The result is an artful balance of vineyard expression and winemaking craftsmanship that captures the vineyard site's depth and complexity. This is a vibrant and layered wine that weaves together notes of blueberry, blackberry, caramelized brown sugar, and Provençal herbs.