

2021

# RESERVE SUPER PASO

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

67% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon



## 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 and depth of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. We harvested the grapes for this wine between late September and early October.

## WINEMAKING

In 2021, we reimagined our Super Paso as a Heart Hill Vineyard blend, celebrating the two varieties that consistently excel both on this site and across the greater Paso Robles region: Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. Fruit from our strongest blocks was harvested at peak maturity and then optically sorted, destemmed, and fermented in stainless steel as single-varietal lots before aging 12 months in standard barrels. After the final blend was composed, the wine returned to barrel for an additional 12 months, followed by eight months in a large, neutral oak cask, for a total of 32 months of élevage—the longest for any red wine we have produced. The result is a powerful expression of a formidable vintage, defined by dark fruit and savory depth, with layers of black raspberry and cassis, notes of leather, grilled meats, and black tea, and a full, commanding palate with a long-lasting finish.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	174, 337, Alban, 169, 7
BLOCKS	H11, H3, H25, H21, H20, H26, H22
AVERAGE BRIX	26.8°
pH/TA	3.71/5.9 g/L
ALCOHOL	15.1%
AVERAGE YIELD	3 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	32 months
COOPERAGE	48% new French oak
CASES PRODUCED	819

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WINE ESTATES