

2021
**RESERVE
TWISTED SPUR**

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

*45% Syrah · 26% Petit Verdot
22% Cabernet Sauvignon · 7% Cabernet Franc*



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 which resulted 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. Twisted Spur is an unconstrained blend composed of the standout varieties in any given vintage. In 2021 we harvested Syrah, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc for this reserve bottling.

WINEMAKING

The base of this wine is made up of a co-ferment of Syrah and Cabernet Franc, which added a spice element and robust tannin to the finished wine. The Cabernet Sauvignon portion went through an extended 40-day maceration, adding richness, depth of color and secondary flavor notes. The Petit Verdot component added dark fruit, structure and vibrancy. We aged each component in French oak barrels specifically chosen to complement each varietal. After 12 months of aging, we selected the top 20 barrels to compose the final blend and returned the wine to barrels to age for an additional 15 months before bottling. This is a powerful and opulent wine with juicy dark fruit notes, hints of sage and black tea and robust texture and tannin.

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| WINEMAKER | Patrick Muran |
| CLONES | 337, 400, 470, 169 |
| BLOCKS | H3, H5, H8, H15, H18 |
| AVERAGE BRIX | 25.7° |
| pH/TA | 3.8/6.1 g/L |
| ALCOHOL | 14.6% |
| AVERAGE YIELD | 2.9 tons/acre |
| BARREL AGING | 27 months |
| COOPERAGE | 58% new French Oak |