

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2021 ZINFANDEL

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

CLONE

Ueberroth

ROOTSTOCK

Own-rooted

HARVEST DATE

October 4th

AVERAGE YIELD

1.5 tons/acre

AVERAGE BRIX

26.5°

pH / TA

3.8/ 5.7 g/L

ALCOHOL

15.4%

BLEND

100% Zinfandel

COOPERAGE

French & Hungarian oak

20% new

BARREL AGING

11 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 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. We harvested our Zinfandel in the beginning of October when the fruit was at perfect ripeness.

WINEMAKING

We destemmed the grapes and pressed them into two stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Each tank received different treatment in an effort to coax out subtleties of the varietal and add complexity. One tank went through a cool, slow fermentation to focus on extracting fruit qualities. The second tank went through a warm, fast ferment to highlight spice and earth qualities. We then blended the two tanks together and aged the wine in Hungarian and French Oak barrels. The result is an unabashedly Paso Robles Zinfandel with juicy flavors of red raspberry, tart cherry and boysenberry, nuanced with spice and herbal elements.