

2022

# RESERVE SUPER PASO

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

100% Heart Hill



## VINEYARD

The 2022 vintage will likely go down as one of the most challenging vintages in the last 20 years. It was our third year of drought and we had a dry winter followed by a cool spring and moderate summer. However, an intense 10-day heatwave in August accelerated ripening and led to an early harvest where many varieties ripened at the same time. Harvest began on September 1, 2022 and finished on September 23, 2022, making for our earliest and fastest harvest since 2009. We harvested the grapes for this blend from five vineyard blocks between September 3, 2022 and September 13, 2022.

## WINEMAKING

This wine is a blend of two varietals that thrive in the Willow Creek District of Paso Robles—Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. We selected the best vineyard blocks of the vintage. Each varietal was treated separately throughout the winemaking process to develop its distinct character. We then artfully blended them to highlight the best qualities of each. Our Syrah was fermented in stainless steel tanks with 20% whole clusters, enhancing its complexity and structure, while our Cabernet Sauvignon was fully destemmed and fermented in stainless steel to showcase its purity and depth. Both wines were then aged for 22 months in 55% new French oak, allowing them to develop richness and refinement. The result is a wine that marries the best of both varietals—the firm tannins and age-worthy structure of Cabernet Sauvignon with the lush blue fruit and earthy finish of Syrah.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	174, 337, 470, 169, 7
BLOCKS	H11, H3, H8, H29, H26
AVERAGE BRIX	26.2°
pH/TA	3.81/5.8 g/L
ALCOHOL	15.2%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.2 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	22 months
COOPERAGE	55% New French Oak
BLEND	60% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon