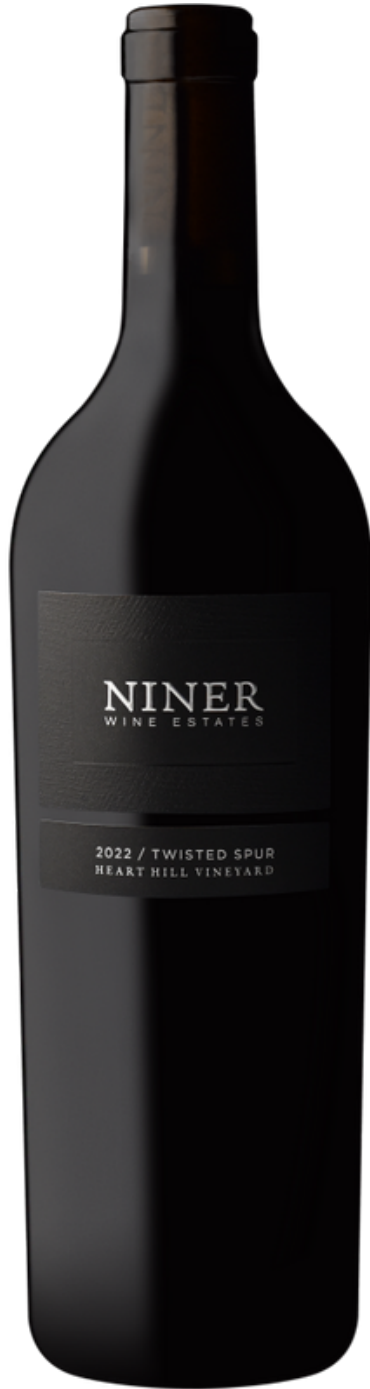


2022

# RESERVE TWISTED SPUR

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 a 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 wine across four blocks between September 9, 2022, and September 15, 2022.

## WINEMAKING

Twisted Spur is always an unconstrained blend from Heart Hill Vineyard. The three varieties in this wine were fermented and aged separately. Cabernet Franc was aged in traditional barrels sourced from the St. Palais Forest in France, while Petit Verdot matured in a large French oak vat, enhancing its depth and structure. Syrah was aged in French oak barrels crafted from the Vosges and Bertrange forests, adding layers of complexity. Each varietal was aged individually for 16 months before being blended and returned to barrel for an additional six months, culminating in a total aging period of 22 months in 44% new French oak. The result is a richly textured wine where each varietal contributes distinct characteristics—Cabernet Franc brings vibrant pomegranate and roasted fennel, Petit Verdot lends delicate violet and black pepper notes, and Syrah adds lush plum and mouth-coating tannins, creating a harmonious and layered expression.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	338, 400, 174
BLOCKS	H2, H5, H11, H15
AVERAGE BRIX	24.8°
pH/TA	3.84/5.7 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.4%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.2 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	22 months
COOPERAGE	44% New French oak (70% Barrels, 30% Cask)
BLEND	51% Cabernet Franc, 34% Petit Verdot 15% Syrah