

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2013

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ESTATE GROWN

WINEMAKER
Patrick Muran

CLONES
4, 337, 33, 15, 169

ROOT STOCK
5BB, 110R, 101-41, 1103P

HARVEST DATES
September 12th-October 15th

AVERAGE YIELDS
1.8 tons/acre

AVERAGE BRIX
26.0°

pH / TA
3.6/6.4 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.3%

VINEYARD BLEND
95% Bootjack Ranch
5% Heart Hill Vineyard

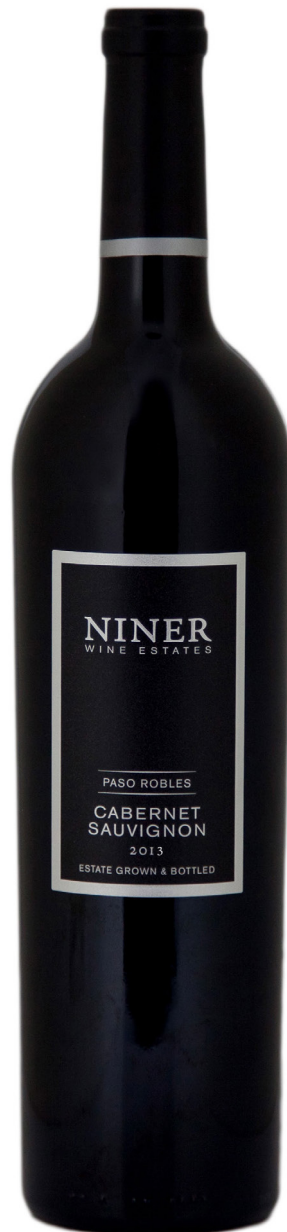
VARIETAL BLEND
95% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE
French Oak
30% New Oak

BARREL AGING
20 months

CASES PRODUCED
2,958

RETAIL PRICE
\$40



SITE

The majority of grapes for this wine were grown at Bootjack Ranch. Sprawled out on the eastern side of Paso Robles, Bootjack Ranch has two distinct soil profiles: expansive flats of calcareous soils (ancient crustacean remains) and rolling hills of sandy loam. The flat sections have high lime content, while the hillsides are well-draining. Each offers its strengths, and we have been refining our rootstock and varietal choices to determine how to take advantage of the diversity.

IN THE VINEYARD

2013 was the driest year ever recorded. Early and often irrigation sets were necessary to carry us through the 2013 vintage, and dry soil profiles meant early bud break, bloom and harvest. Milder temperatures coupled with the maturing of our young blocks lead to much more complexity in our wines across the board.

IN THE WINERY

The grapes were hand-picked at night and delivered to our LEED-certified winery. Upon arrival the fruit was whole cluster-sorted, destemmed and sorted a second time to ensure only the best grapes made it into tank. To preserve the unique qualities that developed in the vineyard we kept the fermentation temperatures low. We left the juice in contact with the skins for several days after primary fermentation ended in order to develop the tannins and add structure to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Ripened plum and black cherry on the nose accented by carnations and rose. Savory fennel cuts through sweet notes of vanilla bean, creating a luscious and enticing aroma. The palate is intensely gratifying, with a soft entry and full finish that melds tannin with rich fruit.