

2017

SQUARE ROOT

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

62% Syrah · 20% Grenache · 18% Mourvèdre



VINEYARD

The 2017 vintage was defined by spring rain, moderate summer temperatures and a couple of heat spikes in September. At Heart Hill Vineyard, the three grapes varieties in this wine fared well, but Syrah from blocks 22,25 and 26 in the vineyard stood out to our winemaking team as exceptional and made up the base of this blend. This southern facing “bowl” on the backside of our property consistently produces some of our best Syrah and in 2017 the fruit we harvested was deeply concentrated and powerful.

IN THE WINERY

Each varietal in this blend went through barrel aging and fermentation separately allowing our winemaking team to focus on their inherent characteristics. The Syrah component was fermented with a combination of dried and green stems adding freshness, spice and tannin. The Grenache and Mourvèdre both fermented and aged in separate wooden casks with minimal intervention from our winemaking team and the Mourvèdre went through fermentation natively. After 20 months in barrel, the pieces came together to create the final blend. The result is a dark, rich and vibrant wine that is delicious now, but will age well for the next 5+ years.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	362, 513, Alban, 174 247, 877, 7
ROOTSTOCK	1103P, 101-14
VINEYARD	Heart Hill Vineyard
AVERAGE BRIX	26.8
pH/TA	3.6/6.2 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.6%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.8 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	21 months
COOPERAGE	50% New French Oak
CASES PRODUCED	336