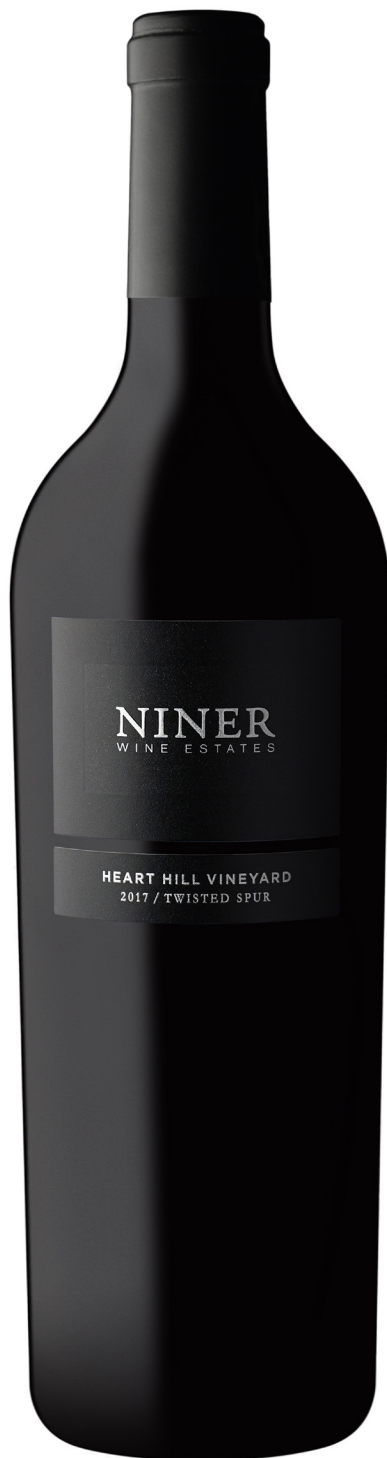


2017

# TWISTED SPUR

Heart Hill Vineyard, Willow Creek District

37% Syrah · 29% Cabernet Sauvignon  
15% Petit Verdot · 15% Malbec · 4% Carménère



## VINEYARD

Each year, we create this blend from the best blocks at Heart Hill Vineyard, regardless of traditional blending partners. In 2017 that was Block 18 Syrah (which we also bottled as a varietal wine) and Blocks 4, 5 and 6. From the latter, we source our premier Bordeaux grapes included in Fog Catcher. While the 2017 vintage's late season heat spikes led to diminished yields in these blocks, the grapes we harvested were exceptional in flavor and phenolics.

## WINEMAKING

We always start the creation of this wine with superstar blocks from Heart Hill Vineyard. We harvested and fermented each block mentioned above independently throughout September and into early October. In early 2018, we composed the final blend and returned it to barrel to age for 29 months in 60% new French Oak barrels – much longer than most other wines in our portfolio. We also blended in a small amount of our Bootjack Ranch Carménère for additional herbal nuance to complement the ample fruit and structure. The result is a dense, waxy wine with a palate full of blackberry and pomegranate fruit flavors underlined by softer bay leaf, and brushy herbs. Aging Recommendation: Early Maturity - Drink now or hold for additional aging.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	327, 337, 595, 400, 877, 33
BLOCKS	Heart Hill Vineyard - 18, 4, 5, 6 12 & 15. Bootjack Ranch - A4
VINEYARD	96% Heart Hill Vineyard 4% Bootjack Ranch
AVERAGE BRIX	26
pH/TA	3.6/6.6 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.4 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	29 months
COOPERAGE	58% New French Oak
PRICE	\$75
CASES PRODUCED	407