

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2012  
**NINER RED**  
ESTATE GROWN

**WINEMAKER**  
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**AVERAGE BRIX**  
26.5°

**PH / TA**  
3.58 / 5.7g/L

**ALCOHOL**  
14.8%

**BLEND**  
39% Cabernet Franc, 27%  
Merlot, 18% Cabernet  
Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 4%  
Carmenere, 4% Grenache

**COOPERAGE**  
50% New Oak  
French and Hungarian

**BARREL AGING**  
20 months

**CASES PRODUCED**  
2,400

**RETAIL PRICE**  
\$20



#### SITE

All of the grapes in this blend were grown at one of our three estate vineyards: the Cabernet Franc at Heart Hill Vineyard located on the western side of Paso Robles; the Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenere at Bootjack Ranch, located on the eastern side of Paso Robles; and the Syrah and Grenache at Jespersen Ranch, located in the Edna Valley region about 30 miles south of Paso Robles.

#### THE BLEND

Cabernet Franc was used as a foundation due to its dense color. The juiciness of the Merlot acts as a counterbalance to soften the complex and richness of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The addition of the cool climate Grenache and Syrah add a touch of earth and pepper. Carmenere has a small but important role with its roasted bell pepper quality.

#### IN THE WINERY

We hand-picked each varietal at night and then hand-sorted the grapes the following morning, delivering them to tank using gravity. Each varietal was fermented and barreled independently, and aged 20 months in a combination of French and Hungarian Oak. 50% of the oak was new adding warmth and richness to the blend.

#### TASTING NOTES

On the nose bright red fruit is infused with cozy aromas baking aromas of toasted sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. This palate is instantly gratifying, following up the warmth of the nose with a full bodied and fruit driven finish accented by soft tannin, and excellent acid that provides structure and contrast.