

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2013 GRENACHE ROSÉ

ESTATE GROWN

WINEMAKERS
Patrick Muran

CLONE
513

ROOTSTOCK
1103P

HARVEST DATES
September 1st-17, 2013

AVERAGE YIELDS
4.9 tons/acre.

AVERAGE BRIX
25.2°

PH / TA
3.1/ 6.2 G/L

ALCOHOL
14.3%

VINEYARD BLEND
88% Heart Hill Vineyard
7% Jespersen Ranch
5% Bootjack Ranch

VARIETAL BLEND
88% Grenache, 7% Albarino,
3% Sangiovese, 2% Barbera

COOPERAGE
100% Stainless Steel

BARREL AGING
6 months

CASES PRODUCED
850

RETAIL PRICE
\$22



SITE

Named for the naturally occurring grove of oak trees in the shape of heart facing 46 West, Heart Hill Vineyard is located at the gateway to Paso Robles west-side wine country. The vineyard is composed almost entirely of south-facing, hillside plantings on steep rocky slopes of primarily siliceous shale. The growing season is long due to the ocean breezes that whip through the Templeton Gap in afternoon, and the grapes produce rich, powerful, and well-structured wines.

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

We make this wine with intention, hand-picking the grapes early to maintain high acid levels that help accentuate the fruit notes in the finished wine. The Grenache grapes are destemmed and whole berry cold soaked in the press for 6 hours, allowing color, aroma and phenolic extraction. The wine is then pressed and transferred to a stainless steel tank for a cool fermentation period, to help preserve the fruit components.

TASTING NOTES

This wine was picked with intention to become a rose and its expression showcases this. The true Grenache fruit comes through, with notes of strawberries and cream, and fresh summer watermelon. The delicate notes of rose petals and mineral balance the juicy berry notes to create a wine that is perfect for summer days on the patio.