

NINER

WINE ESTATES

2013 SYRAH ESTATE GROWN

WINEMAKER
Patrick Muran

CLONES
877,174,383

ROOT STOCK
1103P

HARVEST DATES
September 18

AVERAGE YIELDS
3.3 tons/acre

AVERAGE BRIX
26.8°

PH / TA
3.4/ 6.5 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.8%

VINEYARD BLEND
100% Heart Hill

VARIETAL BLEND
98% Syrah 2% Grenache

COOPERAGE
70% French, 30% American
40% New Oak

BARREL AGING
18 months

CASES PRODUCED
800

RETAIL PRICE
\$30



SITE

The grapes for this wine were grown at Heart Hill Vineyard in the Willow Creek District of Paso Robles and is named for the naturally occurring grove of oak trees in the shape of heart facing 46 West. 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 the Santa Lucia Mountain Range to the west and offer a consistent afternoon cooling effect.

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

With the maturation of Heart Hill comes an evolution in the quality of Syrah from the site. This wine is an example of the density and sheer mass that is held within the Syrah grown here, and we designed winemaking to complement this. A slow, cool fermentation helped us increase the length and extract all the flavor components from the skins, creating a wine that will keep you warm in the wintertime.

TASTING NOTES

This powerful wine has aromas of black pepper, boysenberry & smoke. These commanding characteristics are outweighed by the strength in the palate: ripe with dark fruit & grittiness, the tannins are dense and mouthcoating, offering a backdrop for the high acidity and naturally steely structure to shine against. NOT FROM CONCENTRATE.