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WINE ESTATES

2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE GROWN

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

CLONES

4, 337, 33, 15, 169, 8, 35

ROOT STOCK

5BB, 110R, 101-41, 1103P

HARVEST DATES

September 2nd - October 10th

AVERAGE YIELDS

2.7 tons/acre

AVERAGE BRIX

25.8°

pH / TA

3.6/6.3 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.1 %

VINEYARD BLEND

82% Bootjack Ranch
18% Heart Hill

VARIETAL BLEND

86% Cabernet Sauvignon,
9% Malbec, 3% Merlot,
2% Carmenere

COOPERAGE

95% French, 5% Hungarian Barrels
38% New Oak

BARREL AGING

21 months

CASES PRODUCED

4,318

RETAIL PRICE

\$40



SITE

The majority of grapes for this wine were grown at Bootjack Ranch. Sprawled out on the eastern side of Paso Robles, Bootjack Ranch has two distinct soil profiles: expansive flats of calcareous soils (ancient crustacean remains) and rolling hills of sandy loam. The flat sections have high lime content, while the hillsides are well-draining. Each offers its strengths, and we have been refining our rootstock and varietal choices to determine how to take advantage of the diversity.

IN THE VINEYARD

Despite the ongoing drought (and in some cases because of it) the 2014 vintage was fantastic. A warm and dry winter lead to an early bud-break with the season's largest and only rainstorm shortly after. It was a miracle storm as it lead to healthy root system development, full canopies, and good vine balance.

IN THE WINERY

The grapes were hand-picked at night and delivered to our LEED-certified winery. Upon arrival the fruit was whole cluster-sorted, destemmed and sorted a second time. To preserve the unique qualities that developed in the vineyard we kept the fermentation temperatures low and left the juice in contact with the skins for several days after primary fermentation to develop the tannins and add structure to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

This is one of our darkest Estate Cabernet Sauvignons ever. On the nose this wine has depth with black currant, tobacco and dried herbs. On the palate black cherry, dark chocolate and dried sage are balanced with ample tannin and a long, lingering finish. This is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon with its harmonious blend of full-bodied fruit, luscious tannins & well-integrated acidity and shows how well our two Paso Robles vineyards work in a blend.