

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

2014  
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

**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

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

This wine is an example of the density and sheer mass that is held within the Syrah grown at Heart Hill Vineyard, 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 with lengthy tannins & ample fruit.

## TASTING NOTES

This exceptionally dark-hued wine captures your attention right out of the bottle and exudes meaty aromatics full of dark fruits & pepper. A finely grained & textured palate is studded with dark chocolate, berry pie & white pepper notes outlined by tannins.