

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

## 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE GROWN

### WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

### CLONES

400, 8, 4, 595, 15, 33, 47

### ROOT STOCK

101-14, 1103P, 5BB

### HARVEST DATES

September 10th - October 9th

### pH / TA

3.67/6.2 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5 %

### VINEYARD BLEND

76% Bootjack Ranch  
24% Heart Hill Vineyard

### VARIETAL BLEND

84% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
9% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec,  
2% Cabernet Franc

### BARREL AGING

21 months

### CASES PRODUCED

1,680



### 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

2015 was a challenging year due to a combination of the extended drought and intensive winds during flowering in the Spring. These tough conditions led to, in the worst cases, a 50% lower yield than average in some of our Cabernet Sauvignon blocks. This produced small clusters with tiny berries, concentrated with flavor and phenolics.

### IN THE WINERY

With such a small harvest of our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon we devoted extra attention to the fruit we did get. Extended maceration techniques and long, slow fermentations allowed peak extraction of phenolics, dark fruit characters and highly finessed tannins. 18 months of barrel aging in carefully selected, quality French Oak softened all of these high pedigree features and the wine developed into a beautifully structured wine with firm tannins that promises a long life ahead.