

2015

RESERVE TWISTED SPUR

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

38% Malbec · 32% Syrah · 17% Cabernet Sauvignon · 8%
Petit Verdot · 5% Merlot



VINEYARD

Twisted Spur is an unrestricted blend from Heart Hill Vineyard designed to be bold and adventurous. The vineyard is composed almost entirely of hillside plantings on steep, rocky slopes of shale and grapes from this site produce rich, powerful and well-structured wines. We only make this wine in years where we have standout wines from both the Bordeaux and Rhone families, and in 2015 we used Malbec as the base for this blend.

WINEMAKING

Our winemaking team approaches this wine with an adventurous attitude and lets the vintage dictate what the blend includes. Stylistically this wine is always big & bold and the gorgeous fruit we harvested in 2015 received a custom blend of French Oak Barrels to age and soften in. 65% New Oak helped tame the naturally dark fruit flavors. These high-end barrels also lent structure to the mid-palate and helped to introduce fine-grained texture and soft aromatics. We bottled this wine in June of 2017 after 19 months of barrel aging and allowed it to develop in bottle for another year before releasing it.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	400, 877, 362, 383
BLOCKS	4, 11, 21, 5, 8, 24, 7, 18
VINEYARD	Heart Hill Vineyard
AVERAGE BRIX	25.3°
pH/TA	3.6/6.3 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.1 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	19 months
COOPERAGE	85% new French Oak
CASES PRODUCED	241