

2016
**RESERVE
GRENACHE**

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

89% Grenache · 18% Syrah



VINEYARD

We farm just two blocks of Grenache at Heart Hill Vineyard and were captivated by the quality this vintage produced. The well-drained soil coupled with cooling afternoon breezes allow the fruit to mature slowly and beautifully. This amplifies the bright red fruit flavors of Grenache while preserving the acidity necessary for a well-balanced wine. Grenache produces a notoriously heavy crop load and in 2016 we farmed the block at a single-cluster per shoot (i.e. an aggressive quality move that drastically decreases quantity to bring quality up) and were so pleased with the results that we created our first ever Reserve Grenache bottling.

WINEMAKING

Heart Hill Vineyard Grenache has beautiful red fruit, earth and black pepper characteristics and our goal with winemaking was to naturally complement what the vineyard gave us. We selected a beautiful, upright wooden cask of French Oak for fermentation and added a small amount of Syrah for enhanced complexity and color. After the wine reached dryness we pressed the wine and returned it to the same large vessel for 16 months. The resulting wine is big, dense and well balanced with ample fruit and layered textures.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	362, 513
BLOCKS	H14, H9
AVERAGE BRIX	27.2°
pH/TA	3.5/6.2 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	3.9 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	16 months
COOPERAGE	28% new French Oak