# NINE ESTATES

# 2015 NINER RED ESTATE GROWN



#### SITE

All of the grapes in this blend were grown at one of our three estate vineyards on the Central Coast of California. Heart Hill Vineyard is located on the western side of Paso Robles, Bootjack Ranch is located on the eastern side of Paso Robles and Jespersen Ranch lies in the Edna Valley region about 30 miles south of Paso Robles.

### IN THE VINEYARD

The 2015 vintage kept our vineyard manager on his toes throughout the growing season with cool and windy spring that resulted in lower yields for most of our varietals. That being said the complexity in this wine comes from the wide breadth of varietals that performed well under the stress of the vintage.

## IN THE WINERY

We hand-picked each varietal at night from our vineyards and then hand-sorted the grapes at our winery the following morning. The grapes are delivered to tank using gravity to control extraction and conserve energy. Each varietal is fermented and barreled independently and aged 14 months in a combination of French and Hungarian Oak. 38% of the oak was new adding warmth and richness to the blend.

### 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.

WINEMAKER Patrick Muran

AVERAGE BRIX 26.2°

> **PH / TA** 3.6/ 5.8 g/L

> > ALCOHOL 14.5%

#### VARIETAL BLEND

35% Cabernet Franc, 14% Merlot,
14% Syrah, 10% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 8% Grenache,
8% Mouvedre, 7% Malbec,
2% Petit Verdot, 2% Barbera

**COOPERAGE** 38% New Oak

BARREL AGING 14 months

CASES PRODUCED 7,108