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WINE ESTATES

2020

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard & Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

CLONE

4, 8, 33, 31, 337, 338

ROOTSTOCK

101-14, 1130P

HARVEST DATES

September 11th - October 9th

AVERAGE BRIX

25.2°

AVERAGE YIELD

2.4 Tons/Acre

pH / TA

3.7/6.1 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.2%

VINEYARD

58% Bootjack Ranch
42% Heart Hill Vineyard

BLEND

96% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE

44% new French Oak

BARREL AGING

20 months



VINEYARD

The 2020 vintage was unforgettable. For the first half of the growing season our vineyards were an escape from the rest of the world with well-timed rains in the spring, no frost events and moderate to cool temperatures through July. However, conditions changed dramatically in August and September with two separate weeks of record-breaking heat which accelerated ripening. In addition, fires to the north and south of us brought periods of smoke exposure but, smart picking decisions and quick fermentations, let us avoid any noticeable smoke flavors in this wine. In 2020 we hand-harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes throughout the month of September and into early October.

WINEMAKING

This spread out, methodical harvest allowed us to capture the complex spectrum of flavors that Cabernet Sauvignon is known for. We de-stemmed the grapes and fermented the juice in a combination of oak and stainless-steel tanks. One large, 2000-gallon cask in particular rose above the rest after 6 months of aging and became the foundation of this vintage. We hand selected other notable barrels to create the final blend which we then transferred to a set of oak barrels to age for an additional 14 months. The wine is rich and smooth with a full range of red fruit characteristics, brushy herbal tones, elegant tannins and a plush mouthfeel.