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WINE ESTATES

2021

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard & Bootjack Ranch, Paso Robles

WINEMAKER

Patrick Muran

CLONE

337, 47, 169, 8, 4, 43, 412, 35

ROOTSTOCK

101-14, 1103P, 5BB, 140R

HARVEST DATES

September 16th - October 21st

AVERAGE BRIX

25.4°

AVERAGE YIELD

2.7 Tons/Acre

pH / TA

3.8/6.0 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.4%

VINEYARD

51% Heart Hill Vineyard

49% Bootjack Ranch

BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon,

3% Cabernet Franc,

3% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE

38% new French Oak

BARREL AGING

21 months

VINEYARD

The 2021 vintage is a benchmark for a dry and cool vintage in Paso Robles. The vintage started with a dry winter and a cool spring which resulted in restrained canopy growth, a slightly lower-than-average fruit set and small berries. Thankfully, the weather was exceptional the rest of the growing season with moderate temperatures allowing for slow, even ripening and the flexibility to pick at just the right time during harvest. 2021 wines are wonderfully complex and should age gracefully. We hand-harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon between September 16 and October 21st. This slow, methodical harvest allowed us to capture the nuanced flavors that Cabernet Sauvignon is known for.

WINEMAKING

The base of this wine is made up of Cabernet Sauvignon co-fermented with a small amount of Petit Verdot. We hand-sorted, destemmed and pressed the grapes into a stainless steel tank for fermentation. We then transferred the wine into French oak barrels for aging, 38% of which were new. After 16 months of aging, we hand-selected stand-out barrels to compose the final blend. Small amounts of Malbec and Cabernet Franc were blended as accent pieces. We returned the wine to a large oak cask to age for an additional 5 months. The finished wine is rich and deep in color, with a lush mouthfeel and persistent finish. Notes of red cherry, blueberry jam and cedar are accentuated by a fresh herbaceous element and a hint of vanilla.

