

# NINER

WINE ESTATES

## 2020 BOOTJACK RED

Bootjack Ranch & Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

### **WINEMAKER**

Patrick Muran

### **CLONE**

15, 8, 4, 169, 33, 35, 31, 412,  
337, Ueberroth

### **ROOTSTOCK**

101-14, 1130P, 5BB, 140R

### **HARVEST DATES**

September 14th - October 9th

### **AVERAGE BRIX**

25.9°

### **AVERAGE YIELD**

2.2 Tons/Acre

### **pH / TA**

3.8/5.6 g/L

### **ALCOHOL**

14.6%

### **VINEYARD**

67% Bootjack Ranch  
33% Heart Hill Vineyard

### **BLEND**

32% Cabernet Franc,  
29% Malbec, 22% Cabernet  
Sauvignon, 6% Merlot,  
5% Syrah, 4% Zinfandel,  
2% Carmenere

### **COOPERAGE**

36% new French Oak

### **BARREL AGING**

20 months



### **VINEYARD**

The grapes in this blend were grown at our two estate vineyards in Paso Robles. Over half of the grapes (67%) were grown at Bootjack Ranch in the Geneseo District, with the balance (33%) from Heart Hill Vineyard in the Willow Creek District. Differences in climate and soil between the two vineyard sites produce drastically different flavor profiles that, when blended together, create a beautiful representation of Paso Robles.

### **WINEMAKING**

We hand-sorted, destemmed and gravity-fed the grapes into a combination of stainless steel tanks and one French oak tank. We fermented each varietal separately to preserve their unique characteristics and after 19 months, composed the final blend. The blend aged an additional month in barrels before it was bottled. A total of 20 months of aging with a lighter oak impact (36% new French oak) helped us retain balance and pure fruit expression. The base of this blend is made of three different varietals each of which contributes unique elements to the finished wine. Cabernet Franc adds herbal notes and tannin structure, Cabernet Sauvignon adds red fruit qualities and garnet color, and Malbec adds dark fruit characteristics and a plush, juicy mouthfeel. With notes of dried cherry, rhubarb and brushy herbs, this wine is ready to drink now.