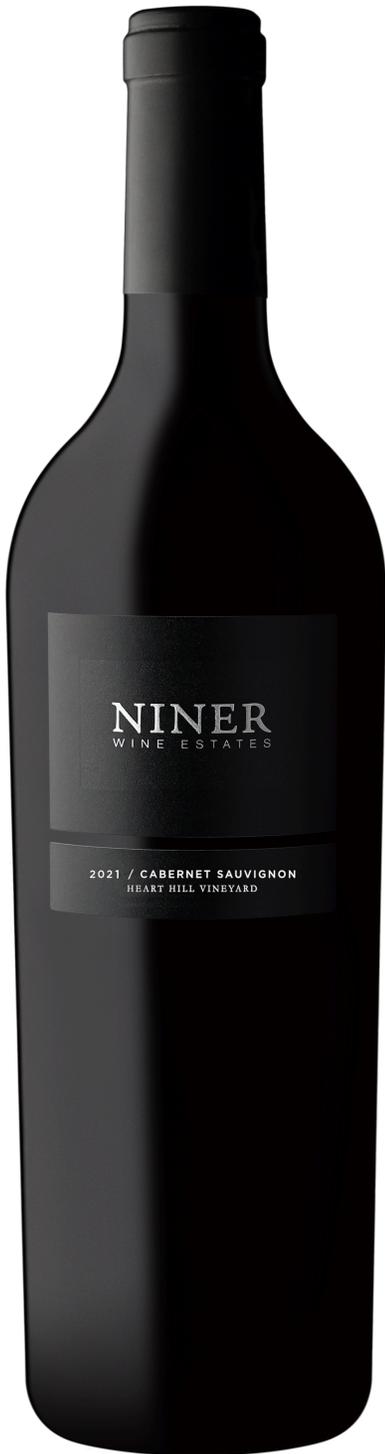


2021

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles

100% Cabernet Sauvignon



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, resulting 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. Crafted from five clones across six vineyard blocks at Heart Hill Vineyard, this wine captures the full complexity and depth of Cabernet Sauvignon. We harvested the grapes for this wine between late September and early October.

WINEMAKING

This wine embodies the power and opulence we love in Cabernet Sauvignon from Heart Hill Vineyard. We hand-sorted, destemmed and gravity-fed the grapes into stainless steel tanks for fermentation, using a variety of fermentation lengths and temperatures (between 10-40 days) to build layers of complexity. Warmer fermentations brought out vibrant fruit and softer tannins, while extended, cooler fermentations developed rich depth, texture, and structure. The wine aged in French oak barrels, 65% of which were new, and after 12 months, our winemakers tasted each barrel to select the standouts for the final blend. The wine was then returned to barrel for an additional 16 months of aging before bottling. This wine is deeply hued with rich, expansive tannins and notes of juicy plum, black raspberry, dark chocolate and Thai basil. We recommend decanting this wine before enjoying it.

WINEMAKER	Patrick Muran
CLONES	337, 47, 169, 33, 31
BLOCKS	H3, H29, H20, H31, H17, H19
AVERAGE BRIX	26.8°
pH/TA	3.7/6.3 g/L
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AVERAGE YIELD	2.3 tons/acre
BARREL AGING	28 months
COOPERAGE	65% new French oak