NINER
WINE ESTATES

2021

BOOTJACK RED

Heart Hill Vineyard & Bootjack Ranch

WINEMAKER
Patrick Muran

CLONE
13, 11, 327, 337, 400, 595

ROOTSTOCK
1103P, 101-14

HARVEST DATES
September 11, 2021–October 23, 2021

AVERAGE BRIX
25.4°

AVERAGE YIELD
2.7 Tons/Acre

pH / TA
3.75/6.0 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.6%

VINEYARD
51% Heart Hill, 49% Bootjack Ranch

BLEND
44% Cabernet Franc, 31% Syrah, 13% Petit Verdot, 8% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

COOPERAGE
33% New French Oak

BARREL AGING
22 months

SCORE
93 points - Wine Enthusiast



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 six clones across seven vineyard blocks at Heart Hill Vineyard and Bootjack Ranch, this wine captures the full complexity of the sites. We harvested the grapes for this wine over a month between September 11, 2021, and October 23, 2021.

WINEMAKING

This wine is built from four distinct components. We began with a core of Cabernet Franc, then layered in two co-fermentations: Malbec with Cabernet Sauvignon for lush fruit and firm tannins, and Cabernet Franc with Syrah for added juiciness and structure. A final addition of Petit Verdot deepened the blend with dark fruit and earthy complexity. Each lot was aged separately for 14 months before blending, then returned to barrel for another 8 months to harmonize flavor and texture. The finished wine is vibrant and layered, with a long, textured finish that weaves together black raspberry, cherry, clove, fennel, nutmeg, and cocoa—capturing the full depth and complexity of our two estate vineyards.