SITE
All of the grapes for this wine were grown at Heart Hill Vineyard in the Paso Robles Willow Creek District. The vineyard is named for the naturally occurring grove of oak trees in the shape of a heart facing Highway 46 West and is composed almost entirely of south-facing, hillside plantings on steep rocky slopes of siliceous shale. The four varietals in this wine are all grown on the face of Heart Hill and are part of our original plantings at this site.

IN THE VINEYARD
Despite the ongoing drought (and in some cases because of it) the 2014 vintage was fantastic. A warm and dry winter lead to an early bud-break with the season’s largest and only rainstorm shortly after. It was a miracle storm as it lead to healthy root system development, full canopies, and good vine balance.

IN THE WINERY
Our winemaking team begins by selecting the best fruit from the six different Bordeaux varietes we farm From there each varietal was fermented and barrel aged separately. After 14 months a combination of Cabernet, Malbec and Petit Verdot barrels were identified as the best of the vintage. We then composed the blend and returned it to barrel for another 14 months to achieve a level of cohesion and melding of flavors that isn’t possible from simple post aging blending.

WINEMAKER
Patrick Muran

CLONES
337, 327, 400, 595, 8, 1

ROOT STOCK
101-14, 1103P

HARVEST DATES
September 14 - October 8

AVERAGE YIELDS
3.1 tons/acre

AVERAGE BRIX
25.8º

pH / TA
3.5/ 6.5 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

VINEYARD BLEND
100% Heart Hill Vineyard, Paso Robles Willow Creek District

VARIETAL BLEND
37% Cabernet Franc
29% Petit Verdot
28% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Malbec

COOPERAGE
French Oak
80% New

BARREL AGING
28 months

CASES PRODUCED
590

RETAIL PRICE
$100

TASTING NOTES
Rich & glamorous in totality, the components of this wine were meticulously blended to create a dark and dense blend starring the best fruit from our vintage. Dark aromas of sarsaparilla, ink & black cherry on the nose are contrasted by whispers of vanilla & blackberry. The palate is gilded with lush tannin and dark chocolate notes and illustrates the aging potential of this powerful blend.