

# STOLPMAN VINEYARDS

BALLARD CANYON

## GRENACHE 2017

### TECH

#### VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Block 1 & 5, 22-25 year old Grenache Vines

#### VARIETAL BLEND

100% Grenache

#### VINIFICATION

50% whole-cluster, no sulfur through primary fermentation

#### FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol: 14.5%

#### VATTING/FERMENTATION

native fermentation in open-top concrete

#### COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE

100% neutral 500L Ermitage Puncheon

#### RELEASE DATE

April 2019

#### HARVEST DATE

October 4-11, 2017

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

670 cases

### NOTES

#### BACKGROUND

Since the world celebrated our vineyards' Syrah crops it was only logical, to us, to explore other "Rhone" varietals. Several trials later, Grenache made the cut. But not heavy-handed Garnache-styled bull shit wines – our vines give us lighter-colored dancy wines that should bring a smile to your face.

#### VINTAGE

In 2017 the vines woke up sublime after an energizing March saturating rainstorm. Mother nature fostered an even, nurturing spring and summer punctuated by intense heat spikes towards the end of September. Lucky for us, our Grenache vines are insufferably lazy and shrugged all of the aforementioned climatic events off and gradually, beautifully, ripened.

#### SENSORY

Brilliant Red. The wine sings, shrieks, zips, screams, from the nose through the finish. The sexiest rendition of Grenache to come off the estate since we started bottling the varietal in 2006. A lighter, delicate shade of red spells pure prettiness. The central drive of ripe strawberries is complimented by a tinge of dried cranberries and spice. Silky smooth textures - via careful, delicate extraction in the winery - deliver the lucky taster directly to pleasure town.