

STOLPMAN

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GRENACHE 2019

TECH

VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Block 1, 3 & 5
(all 3 corners of triangular vineyard!)

VARIETAL BLEND

100% Grenache

VINIFICATION

60% whole-cluster, no sulfur through primary fermentation

FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol : 14.5%

VATTING/FERMENTATION

Open top concrete fermenting tanks. Daily pump-overs with mid-fermentation rack and returns. Only 3 punchdowns through the 3 week native fermentation, foot trodding the drained berries to gently extract more juice

COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE

100% Neutral 500L French Ermitage 500L
Oak Puncheons

RELEASE DATE

March 2021

HARVEST DATE

October 18-25, 2019

TOTAL PRODUCTION

7700 cases

BACKGROUND

Once the wine world began to celebrate our vineyard's Syrah it was only logical to explore other "Rhône" varieties. Several trials later, Grenache made the cut. Like Syrah, Grenache expresses each Ballard Canyon vintage differently. Sometimes elegant and high-toned and sometimes downright heady and lovey-dovey.

VINTAGE

2019 marked the second vintage in a row without harvest-time heat spikes. Facial Expressions around the team conveyed our shared thoughts and feelings without saying a word – a certain giddiness that we had a shot at replaying 2018 armed with that year of heat-free experience. And, the acids were hanging even higher and fresher than 2018.

SENSORY

Classy and refined yet still bursting with the benchmark red fruit purity we all have come to love about Stolpman Grenache. This vintage carries a savory, titillating Indian spice under the fruit to balance and frame the gushing strawberry deluge. The 2019 might be the finest, sophisticated Grenache since we began producing the varietal monocepage in 2006 – but the "yum" is still there in strides!