

STOLPMAN VINEYARDS

BALLARD CANYON

ROSE 2018 *Grenache*

TECH

VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Primarily Block 3 Grenache, with some Block
1 and 5 Grenache

VARIETAL BLEND

100% Grenache

FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol: 12%

VINIFICATION

80% Vin Gris – direct press, 20% de-stemmed
and soaked overnight for color extraction

VATTING/FERMENTATION

Cold, three week, native fermentation for
maximum flavor extraction

COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE

Fermented and aged 4 months in 77%
Stainless steel, 23% neutral French Ermitage
500L Puncheon

RELEASE DATE

April 2019

HARVEST DATE

October 3-5 2018

TOTAL PRODUCTION

1700 cases

NOTES

BACKGROUND

What a wild ride rose has been! In 2009 we only made a couple hundred cases of rose. Now we make well over a thousand cases each of Estate Rose and Para Maria Rose! For a few years in between, our Estate Rose was a combination of Sangiovese and Grenache. We fell in love with the deeper profile of Carbonic Sangiovese and we found we preferred the purity of a 100% Grenache rose – so the two wines were separated. In pursuit of added texture, we continued with a carbonic Grenache portion in our Estate Rose through last year.

This year, in pursuit of further purity and a more nuanced flavors, we direct-pressed the majority of the wine and gently extracted skin color from 20% of the fruit. To signal the latest stylistic change away from the darker, more intense profile, the 2018 Estate Rose of Grenache comes in a slope shouldered “burgundy” bottle, rather than the taller “Bordeaux” bottle of years past.

VINTAGE

Heat spikes define vintages in Santa Barbara County. We are blessed to farm without fear of rain, rot, hail, and humidity. In 2018 the only heat wave we suffered through arrived so early, on July 7; that it didn't impact the fruit ripening or quality. The summer turned into a moderate, steady, dream year when acids hung high as sugar slowly accumulated and intense, nuanced flavor developed.

SENSORY

Wild, fresh strawberries pop out of the glass and flow through the finish. The pale pink glow offers a first indication of the delicate flower that is 2018 Estate Rose of Grenache. Dancing with fleshy curves across the palate, the fruit becomes firm and fresh through the crisp finish. A classic rose for any occasion!