

CALCAREOUS

VINEYARD



Grenache

2018

Calcareous Vineyard, Maison Maison Vineyard
Paso Robles



Grenache, the most commonly planted red wine grape in the world, has found a home in Paso Robles as not only a key contributor to our Rhone blends but as a standout single varietal as well. Known for elegant texture, lively fresh fruit, and great balance, our Grenache is easily one of our best food pairing wines.

Vineyards and Vintage

The 2018 Grenache is a blend of two neighboring vineyards. About 60% of the Grenache is comprised of Tablas Creek Clone A grown at our neighboring Maison Maison Vineyard. The remaining Clone 362 Grenache and small addition of Syrah was grown on our Calcareous Estate Vineyard. The heavy limestone soils present on these two sites produce a unique expression of Grenache that provides ample depth and fruit yet remains true to a more elegant style with great acidity for the varietal. 2018 was the type of vintage winemakers dream of. All the necessary inputs from nature with none in excess. Plenty of soil moisture in spring followed by a warm but mild summer produced bountiful vine canopies with energy to perfectly ripen their fruit.

Winemaker Notes

Both lots of Grenache were hand harvested and fermented in 3-ton open top concrete fermenters with about 20% of the grapes remaining whole cluster. For the first 3 days of ferment 2 hour *delestage* were performed to press out the juice. The whole clusters were then broken up by hand in tank and twice daily punch downs were performed. After a total of 16 days on skins, the ferments were bladder pressed and the free run and

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Harvest	September 27, October 13
Avg. Brix	26.1
pH	3.61
Cooperage	500L French Oak Puncheons, 20% new
Aging	16 Months
Production	715 Cases

press fractions combined in a single tank. After a brief 2 hour settling to remove heavy lees, the wine was racked to a mix of new and once used French oak puncheons and remained there with no further racking for 16 months. Bottled with no fining or filtration.

Tasting

A deep red rose color sparkles in the glass. Bursting with flavors and textures of a raspberry mocha torte, this wine surprises with a combination of freshness and rich body. Achieves unexpected structure for a Grenache with chewy tannins and late blooming more earthy notes. These wide ranging elements would match perfectly with a modern take on a cheese and mushroom lasagna.