



CASTORO CELLARS

2019 GRENACHE WHALE ROCK VINEYARD

This favorite southern Rhône grape is made from our organically certified Whale Rock Vineyard in the Templeton Gap District of Paso Robles. Our Grenache is like the Spanish style, Garnacha, with spicy-berry flavors and soft tannin structure. Grenache pairs wonderfully with tapas, grilled meats, and lighter pasta dishes. Cheers!

- NIELS & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

Vintage 2019 is like the Tale of Two Cities. The beginning of harvest was a bit late to start but the fruit was ripe, juicy, balanced, and full of color. It felt like an amazing super vintage was in the making both in quality and timing. However, we must never forget that we are farming, and anything can happen. A series of early frosts hit, and the vines slowed down making the tail end of harvest more difficult and time consuming. 90% of the fruit made it in time so overall the outlook is still bright!

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Grenache fruit was harvested in early October. With the goal of keeping alcohol levels below 14% the fruit was harvested at about 24% sugar. Also with this variety, the desire is not to allow tannin levels to become excessive, so the fermentation on skins was limited to seven days. We have found the delicate nature of Grenache wine is best nurtured in larger puncheon barrels. This limits oak extraction and reduces the amount of oxidation occurring during the 15 months of aging while still allowing the wine to develop, or "elevate".

- TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES:

APPEARANCE: Brick red

AROMA: Rose petals, cherry, chocolate, earth, and white pepper

PALATE: Crushed raspberry and cranberry with a firm acidity and tannins

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 100% Grenache VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock

AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: October 15, 2019

BOTTLING DATE: August 6, 2021 HARVEST SUGAR: 25.5° brix

OAK: French and American OAK AGE: 15 months ALCOHOL: 13.8%

TA: 0.61 g, 100ml pH: 3.70

