



CASTORO CELLARS

2021 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:

Every vintage has its personality. 2021 is no exception. The spring did not produce any real frost events that could have harmed the tender vines. Most of spring was mild and caused a lingering set of the grapes on the vine. Summer was generally mild with no major heat events. The challenge was getting even ripeness with the delayed fruit set. Patience and constant field sampling paid off! Some varieties came in early, and some lingered on until nearly Thanksgiving but in the end, everything made it for our Estate wines and as always 100% organic certified. Look for bright fruit in the white wines and soft tannins in the red wines.

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: Cherry, chocolate, earth, and baking spice

PALATE: Ground cinnamon, raspberry and cranberry with firm acidity and lush tannins

TECHNICAL NOTES:

VARIETAL: 88% Grenache, 12% Syrah VINEYARD SOURCES: Whale Rock

AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: October 05, 2021

BOTTLING DATE: July 24, 2023

HARVEST SUGAR: 25.1° brix

OAK: French and American

OAK AGE: 15 months

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

TA: 0.57 g. 100ml

pH: 3.85

