

GRENACHE
2022



The 2022 Grenache is Tablas Creek’s fourteenth varietal bottling of the signature grape of the southern Rhone Valley. The wine shows the classic lift, red fruit, and spice of the Grenache grape, with surprising freshness despite the very warm 2022 vintage.

TASTING NOTES

A pale garnet color. High-toned aromas of cherry candy, tarragon, and all the pieces of strawberry shortcake, from the fruit to the buttery biscuits to the whipped cream. The mouth is pretty and medium-bodied, with flavors of strawberry jam and meringue, vibrant blood orange acids, and lots of chalky minerality on the finish.

PRODUCTION NOTES

We use most of our Grenache in our Esprit de Tablas and Côtes de Tablas blends each year. However, we feel that this is a grape whose bright fruit, spice and acidity lends itself well to bottling as a single-varietal wine as well. Grenache seems to improve more dramatically with vine age than any other grape we grow, and although we didn’t produce our first single-varietal Grenache bottling until 2006, we have made one most years since.

The grapes for our 2022 Grenache were grown on our Regenerative Organic Certified™ and biodynamic estate vineyard.

The 2022 vintage was our third year of drought, but because the rain that we received came early, the vines showed good health though with cluster counts down by about 15%. A cool first half of the summer was followed by our hottest-ever August and September, producing an early start and an even earlier finish to harvest. The vintage’s extremely low yields produced concentrated flavors despite pale colors, noteworthy texture, and intense fruit.

For our varietal bottling we as usual chose lots that emphasized Grenache’s freshness and avoided riper lots that tend toward higher alcohols. The lots were blended in June 2023 and aged in neutral 1200-gallon oak foudres until bottling in Feb 2024.

APPELLATION

Adalaida District Paso Robles

FOOD PAIRINGS

- Grilled steaks
- Pastas with meat sauces
- Rich beef stews
- Spicy sausages

BLEND

100% Grenache

14.5% Alcohol by Volume

890 Cases produced

