

## 100% Grenache

Color: Rich red-blue hues.

Aroma: Santa Barbara garrigue aromas of brambly red and blue fruits, violets, grilled meats, spice and sandalwood. Intoxicating, sensual and beautiful.

**Palate:** Velvety, energetic, expansive, and generous. Rich, luxurious and complex. Loads of minerality and mouth-coating.

Alcohol 14.4% pH 3.52 TA 6.7 g/L Production 188 cases Peak Drinking Now - 2036



Los Olivos District

As avid producers, fans and consumers of Grenache based wines, we are constantly reminded how the various terroirs in Santa Barbara County produce such exciting examples of this noble grape. It is as if Santa Barbara Wine Country is the perfect home for this varietal outside of France, and in our opinion, rivals the inherent qualities that make Pinot Noir so beguiling, beautiful, food-friendly and age-worthy.

Once we secured the Estate Vineyard in Los Olivos, we eagerly planted several different red and white Rhône varietals and selections. On the steep rocky hillsides, we thought we could make some exceptional wines from Syrah and Grenache and planted just under one acre of the unique Alban Clone. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> release of the Estate Grenache and hope you find it as compelling and rewarding as we do.

Vineyard Regions: Los Olivos District

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varietals before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average.

**Maturation** Pressed after fermentation and matured for 12 months in large neutral oak barrels.