



WINEMAKER NOTES

Bursting with deep, dark, pure fruit, this Grenache has a seamless, silky texture which gives this wine balance now and will help it age for 10+ years. Long, lingering finish. A Grenache for Grenache lovers.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	80
Appellation:	Ballard Canyon
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Clonal selection:	362
% Whole cluster:	75%
Soil at site:	Sand/Chalk/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 16 months
Alcohol:	14.8
Brix:	24.3
pH at harvest:	3.3
Finished pH:	3.58
Finished TA:	5.5 g/L
Harvest date:	11/14/2018
Bottling date:	April 2020
Release date Price:	April 2021 \$52.00

2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage is the stuff dreams are made of. The most 'classic' Santa Barbara County vintage of the decade with a cool, long growing season. A very 'civilized' harvest with no dramatic heat events or adverse weather. We were finally out of the half-decade drought thanks to the heavy rainfall in 2017, and vineyards were healthy and happy. Yields were moderate with some sites being slightly below average. The slightly low yields combined with extra 'hang-time' in 2018 resulted in super balanced and physiologically ripe fruit.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The wine region of Santa Barbara County is located north of the city of Santa Barbara and includes the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Maria Valley. A defining feature of the region that makes it ideal for grape growing are the transverse, (east-to-west running) mountain ranges that funnel the marine climate inland. The marine fog and wind have a moderating effect on the vines prolonging the growing season and providing a longer hang time for the fruit.

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