



WINEMAKER NOTES

The deceptively light color of the 2017 Grenache - Lerner Vineyard doesn't let on that this wine is packed with unctuous candied red fruit aromatics and juicy flavors on the palate. The concentrated holiday spice notes and fine-grained tannins give this wine a mouth-coating and food friendly quality.

WINEMAKING

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| Cases: | 100 |
| Appellation: | Ballard Canyon AVA |
| Varietal composition: | 100% Grenache |
| Clonal selection: | 362 |
| Soil at site: | Sand, chalk/limestone |
| Barrels Aging: | 100% neutral French oak 22 months |
| % Whole cluster: | 75%, in small lots |
| Alcohol: | 13.7% |
| Brix: | 23.4 |
| pH at harvest: | 3.36 |
| Finished pH: | 3.50 |
| Finished TA: | 6.3 g/L |
| Harvest date: | October 5th, 2017 |
| Bottling date: | May 2019 |
| Release date: | Summer 2020 |

2017 VINTAGE

Drought conditions began to lessen. We received our first significant rainfall since 2011/2012 in the winter between 2016 and 2017. Not nearly enough to get out of the drought, but enough to provide relief to our seriously stressed vines. We experienced another warm spring and summer, but not as extreme as 2013-2016. Despite the challenging conditions, the fruit was in good condition at harvest.

THE LARNER VINEYARD SITE

Planted in 1999, Lerner Vineyard is situated amongst the beautiful rolling hills of Ballard Canyon in the Santa Ynez Valley. At approximately 680 feet in elevation, this organically-farmed vineyard is planted to almost all Rhône varieties, including six acres of Grenache (4 blocks, 4 clones). The soil is composed of Marina sand roughly four feet shallow on top of a chalk bedrock, intermixed with conglomerate hardpan.

ACCOLADES

93 Points, Decanter *"Samsara's Lerner Vineyard Grenache is a charming example of not only the varietal's potential in Ballard Canyon, but the elegance possible from well-executed whole cluster fermentation. Aromas of grilled strawberries and white pepper on the nose lead to a weightless, herbal and deft palate. The texture is fine and high-toned, with the whole clusters providing a succulent, bright energy to the finish."* Matthew Luczy, July 2019

91 points, Wine Enthusiast *"Light and delicate in style, this bottling offers aromas of fresh berry and a pinch of baking spice on the nose. The palate is clean and tight with strawberry and raspberry flavors, leading into fresh and inviting hibiscus and rosewater touches."* Matt Kettmann, July 2020