



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:	April 2021

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.

LARNER VINEYARD

Planted in 1999, Larner 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

90 points, Wine & Spirits *"This wine's black-cherry scent so dark and pronounced it's almost blue in cast, punched up a bit by a modicum of oak. The flavors are lush and substantial, lined with a generous oak complement, needing six months in the cellar to integrate."* —P.J.C., February 2021