



WINEMAKER NOTES

Lightly extracted but full of pure red strawberries, rhubarb juiciness, this Grenache has great velvety texture, with chalky tannins, incredible depth of flavor, and a long finish.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	105
Appellation:	Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Clonal selection:	362
% Whole cluster:	75%
Soil at site:	Sand/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 15 months
Alcohol:	14.2
Brix:	24.8
pH at harvest:	3.26
Finished pH:	3.43
Finished TA:	6.0 g/L
Harvest date:	10/16/2018
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.

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.

ACCOLADES

94 points - Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate

"Pale ruby, the 2018 Grenache Colson Canyon Vineyard has a pale ruby color and a nose of bright red cherries, cured meats, aniseed and earth on the nose with touches of potpourri. The palate is gently chalky and super fresh with youthful berry and citrus fruits and fine earthy accents on the finish." -Erin Brooks