



WINEMAKER NOTES

Our very favorite vineyard for Grenache, Larner Vineyard is a unique site with a bedrock of chalk and topsoil of sand. This rare soil type creates incredible texture in Larner fruit year after year. The 2020 is plush and elegant, with incredibly fine-grained tannins and a heavenly mouthfeel. Cherry cordial, sage and notes of violet bring elegance and subtlety to this complex and layered wine.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	54
Appellation:	Ballard Canyon
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Vineyard Selection:	100% Larner Vineyard
Clonal selection:	136
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/chalk/limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 15 months
Alcohol:	13.9
Brix:	23.6
pH at harvest:	3.32
Finished pH:	3.69
Finished TA:	5.0 g/L
Harvest date:	10/16/2020
Bottling date:	January 2022
Release date:	Spring 2023

2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

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

92 points, Hidden Gem - Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast *"Super light and transparent in the glass, this would be an excellent choice for brunch. Clean aromas of strawberry and white pepper on the nose drop into a palate that bites immediately with acidity and tannin. Then come plush strawberry and raspberry flavors, with more peppery spices firing up the finish."* -Matt Kettmann