



WINEMAKER NOTES

2020 was our first vintage sourcing Grenache from Spear Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills and we are so impressed with this wine! Bright, ripe cherries, plums and marionberries mingle with an herbal, medicinal quality that reminds us of Fernet branca, along with warm baking spices, olive brine and sassafras. This Grenache will complement a wide range of fare at the dinner table and will delight nearly every palate.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	74
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Clonal selection:	362
% Whole cluster:	65%
Soil at site:	Sand/Loam/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 11 months
Alcohol:	14.2
Brix:	24.4
pH at harvest:	3.35
Finished pH:	3.8
Finished TA:	5.0 g/L
Harvest date:	10/1/2020
Bottling date:	August 2021
Release date:	April 2021

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.

SPEAR VINEYARD

Spear Vineyards & Winery is located in the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills just off of Highway 246. Dedicated to sustainability, Spear utilizes CCOF certified organic farming techniques that result in nourished soils that improve vine health and vineyard expression. We are excited to be sourcing beautiful and organic fruit from this impeccably farmed site!

ACCOLADES

93 points - Wine & Spirits *This Grenache is compellingly savory when first poured, with all kinds of herbal notes—green olive, garrigue, tobacco and caraway. The flavors are rich and red-fruited, but the persistent herbal savor gives the wine its edge and drive. It's hunger inducing for grilled lamb kebobs with herbs. -P.J.C.*

92 points - Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast *Hints of bay and thyme give an earthy edge to the red plum and cranberry aromas on the nose of this bottling from the heart of the Sta. Rita Hills. Cranberry and orange-rind flavors are lit up by white pepper on the palate, where grippy tannins provide a textural bite. -Matt Kettmann*