



## WINEMAKER NOTES

*This wine leans into its darker, moodier side with a brooding nose of ripe plum, violets, maraschino cherry, clove, and a touch of cardamom. The palate is smooth and polished, with a refined texture and a subtle, savory kick. There's also a warm note of ancho chili—not just the spice, but its dried, fruity richness—that brings everything together in a really compelling way.*

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	71
Appellation:	Ballard Canyon
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Clonal selection:	136
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/Chalk/Limestone
Barrels   Aging:	100% neutral French oak   16 months
Alcohol:	14.6%
Brix:	24.1
pH at harvest:	3.14
Finished pH:	3.54
Finished TA:	5.4 g/L
Harvest date:	10/27/2022
Bottling date:	3/22/2024
Release date:	January 2025

## 2022 VINTAGE

2022 started off with a slightly later bud-break, and moderate weather through the spring and summer. Low yields across the board with all varietals and vineyards made the Labor-Day heat wave extra impactful and forced us to move quickly into harvest mode. Once the early ripening varietals were picked, the classic SB long growing season returned, and the final Rhone varietal grapes weren't harvested until late October. The 2022 wines retain their freshness and balance, with great flavor concentration and depth, and an extra kiss of sunshine.

## 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

**94 points - Jeb Dunnuck** Ripe cherries, wild strawberries, peppery herbs, and floral notes all define the 2022 Grenache Larner Vineyard, a rockingly good Grenache that's medium-bodied and has a pure, elegant mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's going to evolve for 10-15 years in cold cellars. There are a scant three barrels produced, but it's a beauty. **-Jeb Dunnuck**

**93 points - James Suckling** A big, broad, luscious wine with ripe fruit flavors that seem almost sweet. Full-bodied, drenched in strawberries, plums and dried raspberries. Moderate tannins add a little grip on the palate. Drink or hold. **-James Suckling**