



WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine has the lifted, perfumed aromatics we've come to expect from Spear Vineyard—a clear expression of site and character. Bright notes of watermelon, cranberry, and cinnamon lead on the nose, giving way to a darker, more brooding palate. The fruit remains juicy and generous, but it's grounded by firm structure and dry tannins, with a savory thread of coffee that adds depth and complexity. A wine that beautifully balances brightness and power, with a strong sense of place.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	161
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Clonal selection:	362
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Loam/Limestone/Sand
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 16 months
Alcohol:	13.6%
Brix:	22.4-23.9
pH at harvest:	3.34
Finished pH:	3.77
Finished TA:	5.1 g/L
Harvest date:	9/28/2022
Bottling date:	3/22/2024
Release date:	March 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.

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 - The Wine Advocate *The opposite side of the coin from the more forward Larner Vineyard Grenache bottling, the 2022 Grenache Spear Vineyard opens with a beautifully translucent and pure nose of white pepper, dried flower and fresh herb aromas. The palate is true to the varietal in its delicacy and poise, concluding with a rich, intense yet graceful finish.* - **Matthew Luczy**

93 points - James Suckling *A beautiful, elegant wine that's reminiscent of a pinot noir in its charm, light to medium body and complex flavors. Red plums, dried cranberries and hints of cinnamon and cloves. Fermented with 100% whole clusters and aged in all neutral French oak. Drink or hold.* - **James Suckling**