



SILENUS

2018 Grenache Yountville – Napa Valley



Vineyard Notes:

There are almost no Grenache vineyards left in Napa Valley. The one exception is the Block House Vineyard located just north of the town of Yountville. The vineyard is bordered by the Napa River on the East and the Yountville Hills on the West. There are only 6 rows of vines in the middle of a 600-acre vineyard and we receive the grapes from 2 of those rows. The vines have been farmed organic since 1985.

The location of the vines allows the grapes to enjoy both warm days on the Valley floor, and cool nights by the Napa River, resulting in flavorful and elegant wines with great acidity.

The grapes were harvested at a relatively low Brix of 24.0 which allows for classic grenache flavor development. The wine was barrel aged in 50% new French Oak and 5% new American Oak enhancing the spicy notes in the wine.

Tasting Notes:

This wine has a soft ruby red color with a fruit forward and youthful nose of black berries and boysenberries with spicy secondary tones. On the palate this wine has flavors of currants and juicy black cherries followed by a playful kick of white pepper. Our Thyrus Grenache is best served with hearty, slowly cooked stews.

Blend:

97% Grenache from the Blockhouse Vineyard in Yountville
3% Zinfandel from the Lincoln Creek Vineyard in Yountville

Specs:

Harvest date: September 24, 2018
Bottling date: August 12, 2019
Bottle size: 750 mL
Titratable Acidity: 5.26 g/L
pH: 3.69
Alcohol: 14.5%