

2017

GRENACHE, BEE SWEET VINEYARD

EDNA VALLEY

101 Cases | bottled March 20, 2019 (Non-filtered)
Suggested Retail: \$44

VINEYARD

This is our sixth bottling of Grenache, and our fourth Grenache from Bee Sweet Vineyard. This relatively new vineyard is located 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean and features rolling hills and Tierra series soil... deep, moderately well drained soils that formed in alluvial materials from sedimentary rocks. The climate is Mediterranean, defined by cool (75 – 80 degrees F) dry summers, and rainy winters with 20 inches of rain annually on average.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was marked by an abundant amount of rainfall during the 2016/2017 winter at 35 inches. The growing season was relatively cool. There were several days of warmish weather in May and June, but only into the 80s. We had a small rain event in early August, which measured a tenth of an inch. After the Pinot Noir was harvested, there was a heat wave lasting three days, September 1 – 3, peaking on September 2 at 114 degrees.

WINEMAKING

The winemaking process follows the techniques used in Burgundy; cold soak for a few days, pump-overs during the beginning of fermentation and toward the end of fermentation, punched down in open top tanks throughout fermentation, pressed with a state-of-the-art stainless steel basket press and aged in French oak barrels.

Vineyard:

100% Bee Sweet Vineyard, Edna Valley
 Varieties – 100% Grenache, clone 513

Harvest:

Harvested by hand on September 30, 2017
 Average juice analysis – 24.8 °Brix, 5.85 T.A., 3.35 pH

Fermentation:

100% destemmed into 1.5-ton open-top stainless steel tank.
 Indigenous yeast and naturally occurring malolactic bacteria

Aging:

18 months in one-year-old and neutral French oak barrels.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
14.5%	3.60	5.33g/L



TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby in color. Rich cherry and dark plum on the nose along with cocoa and coastal forest botanical notes. Integrated tannins and acid, typical of cool climate Grenache, join with cranberry and dark chocolate cherries on the palate. This wine is youthful and energetic.