

2021 GRENACHE, JESPERSEN VINEYARD

EDNA VALLEY

123 Cases | Bottled March 6, 2023

Suggested Retail: \$48

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VINEYARD

This is only our second bottling of Grenache from Jespersen Vineyard, the first being the 2013 vintage. The site is located 4 miles from the Pacific Ocean and features rolling hills and rich black silt-clay soil. The climate is Mediterranean, defined by cool dry summers, and winters with moderate rainfall.

VINTAGE

The 2021 Vintage – In a word Epic. We started the growing season with a very dry winter, only 11” of rain and most of the rain came during a late January four-day rainstorm dropping 7” of water. In general, the growing season was cool. Apart from one warm day on June 16 when the temperature rose to 105 degrees F, there were no other heat spikes during the year. The mild temperatures continued through harvest in September and October, which opened the stretch of time for picking at optimal maturity. This was a late harvest with long hang time yielding wines with concentrated flavors and high acids.

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:

Jespersen Vineyard, Edna Valley.

Block 14

Harvest:

Harvested by hand on October 21, 2021.

Fermentation:

100% destemmed, and crushed into a 2.5-ton open-top fermentation tank

Aging:

Aged in 40% new Billon French oak barrels, and 60% twice-filled neutral French oak barrels.

Lightly filtered.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
13.9%	3.53	5.48 g/L



TASTING NOTES

This is a pretty, cool climate Grenache from Jespersen Vineyard located on the western edge of the Edna Valley. It has a deep ruby “black” color with aromas reminiscent of Montmorency cherries, rhubarb, and nutmeg from the French oak. The palate is medium to full body, showing enticing grippy tannins, with flavors of cherry, and cocoa on the finish. A powerful wine with backbone, balance, and aging potential.