

# QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS  
*Intentional wines, naturally.*

## 2019 Wine Creek Ranch Grenache

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

Wine Creek Ranch's terroir in the Dry Creek Valley shares many similarities with France's Southern Rhône Valley, especially in terms of climate – warm to hot days and very cool nights. For this reason, more than two decades ago, we began planting an assortment of Southern Rhone grapes with an emphasis on Grenache.

### THE VINTAGE

Winter and spring were notable for above average rainfall with 49" on our estate. The balance of the growing season was mild with temperatures slightly below average. May's rain drove vigorous canopy growth and increased cluster weights demanding more attention from our vineyard crew. A final thinning pass was used for Rosé production so as to perfect the uniformity of the remaining fruit that was left. Luckily, all our Grenache was fully picked and inside the winery before the October Kincade fire, and is showing beautifully upon release.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Our goal is always to achieve optimal ripeness at the lowest sugar, i.e. potential alcohol, possible. We strive to balance this variety's tendency towards firm tannins by following a more Burgundian winemaking approach focused on extremely gentle handling and slow, controlled extraction... really more of an infusion. Partial whole-cluster fermentation (15%-20%) also helps balance tannins and adds high-toned red fruit, while gentle basket-pressing further optimizes overall tannin quality. Mirroring the Southern Rhône wine making tradition, we move to the wine to traditional French oak Foudres (600 and 900-gallon casks) for the second half of its aging to best capture and preserve Grenache's prized strawberry aromatics.

### THE WINE

The wine is a very pretty and day bright ruby red that fades to a polished pink rim. On the nose there is prominent strawberry and rhubarb with hints of dried orange peel and Italian herbs. In the mouth it is medium bodied with the signature ground cinnamon of grenache plus some green tobacco leaf wrapped around juicy strawberries. The wine is both dry and juicy at the same time with medium tannins that fade to red fruits covered in milk chocolate.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

HARVESTED   BOTTLED.....	September 24 - October 3, 2019   February 21, 2021
APPELLATION.....	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
VINEYARDS.....	100% Wine Creek Ranch, Quivira's home vineyard, CCOF-certified organic
COMPOSITION.....	81% Grenache, 19% Mourvèdre
PRODUCTION.....	200 cases
STATS.....	14.3 % ABV   pH 3.47   TA 0.61
RETAIL PRICE.....	\$42
WINEMAKER.....	Hugh Chappelle

