

QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS
Intentional wines, naturally.

WINE CREEK RANCH | 2019

Grenache

DRY CREEK VALLEY

The Wine Creek Ranch terroir 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, we began planting an assortment of Rhône varieties more than two decades ago, with an emphasis on Grenache.

“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.”

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE

CCOF CERTIFIED ESTATE VINEYARD

► The 110-acre Wine Creek Ranch is home to 59 acres of vineyards that surround our winery and tasting room. As the coolest site in Dry Creek Valley (according to Adcon weather station), the Mediterranean climate and well-drained soils are ideal for Rhône varieties. Our Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre blocks are planted only a few hundred yards apart.

VINTAGE

► After above-average winter and spring rains, the 2019 season was noticeably mild. May rains drove vigorous canopy growth demanding extra attention from the vineyard crew. A final thinning of Grenache for the Rosé program helped perfect the remaining clusters. Luckily, all the Grenache was safely in cellar before the October '19 Kincadee fire.

WINEMAKING

► Our goal is to achieve optimal ripeness at the lowest sugar (and alcohol) possible. Partial whole-cluster fermentation helped balance tannin and added high-toned red fruit, followed by a gentle basket press. In Southern Rhône style, wine was racked to traditional French oak Foudres (600- and 900-gallon casks) for the second half of aging to preserve Grenache's prized strawberry aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

► The wine is a very pretty and day-bright ruby red that fades to a polished pink rim. On the nose, prominent strawberry and rhubarb are highlighted by 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, with medium tannins that fade to red fruits covered in milk chocolate.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

► 81% Grenache, 19% Mourvèdre

HARVEST DATES

► September 24 - October 3, 2019

pH | TA

► 3.47 | 0.61

ALCOHOL

► 14.3%

AGING

► Aged 7 mo. in French Oak
Moved to Foudre for 8 mo.

PRODUCTION

► 200 Cases

PRICE

► \$42

