

VILLA CREEK



Garnacha 2015

HARVEST

October 14th & 23rd 2015

BOTTLED

February 2017

VINEYARD farming/soil

Denner: sustainable/thin layer of topsoil
over limestone seabed

VINTAGE

Nearly 5 inches of rain in a warm December 2014 led to a cooler spring. A consistent pattern of rain threats through April sadly did not pan out. Cloud cover and cool temperatures helped preserve the little bit of rain we received earlier in the season. These drought conditions combined with damaging spring frost and a cool windy spring led to much lower yields throughout the state. These same conditions however produced some intense and developed wines.

The spectacular though limited 2015 vintage will be in high demand.

VINIFICATION

After a careful sort, 50% of the clusters were destemmed. We fermented 50% whole cluster for balance and texture. After a 3 day cold soak, the grapes were nurtured through fermentation with daily pigeage and pump overs. The grenache was aged in 30% new French 500 liter puncheons.

TASTING NOTES

This year's Garnacha is composed solely of Denner Grenache brought up in 500 liter French puncheons. Deep ruby in color, the sensual berry aromas transcend to a juicy palate of mountain berries, anise, and spice. Layers of sweet fine tannins, pure fruit, and glycerin make for a beautiful wine that is delicious now but will evolve nicely in the cellar. Enjoy with braised short ribs or aromatic white bean ragout drizzled with olive oil.
Drink 2017-2027

REVIEWS

"I always love this cuvée from Cris and his 2015 Garnacha is another textbook Grenache from these limestone hillsides on the westside of Paso Robles. Light ruby in color and reminiscent of Châteauneuf du Pape from Domaine de Marcoux, it offers beautiful kirsch liqueur, framboise, dried herbs and hints of incense on the nose. Medium to full-bodied, silky and textured on the palate, drink this beauty anytime over the coming 5-7 years." 91 pts. Jeb Dunnuck

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