

# VILLA CREEK



## *Garnacha, 2014*

**BLEND** 100% Grenache

**HARVEST** September 26th - October 4th, 2014

**BOTTLED** February 19th 2016

**VINEYARDS** Luna Matta  
**farming/soil** certified organic/clay loam over lime stone  
Denner  
sustainable/thin layer of topsoil over limestone seabed

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## THE 2014 VINTAGE

After a very cold, very dry winter, we were doused with just enough rain in March, to get the cover crop growing in the vineyard only to be quickly knocked down to prepare for a hot dry summer. Summer started early with consistently high temperatures that persisted through harvest. The last grapes were picked early October, almost a month earlier than normal. Bright acidity and concentration will be the hallmarks of this vintage.

## VINIFICATION

After a careful cluster sort, the grapes were fermented 100% whole cluster. After a 3 day cold soak with daily pigeage, the clusters were nurtured through fermentation with daily pumpovers. The Grenache was aged in 2/3 concrete and the remainder, neutral puncheons.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is a juicy blend of Denner Vineyard Grenache and Luna Matta Vineyard Grenache fermented 100% whole cluster and aged in concrete vessels and French puncheons. Luna Matta Grenache brings all kinds of wild flora and dark fruits to perfectly complement the bright red fruits, verve, and mineral that is a staple in Denner Grenache. The heady, sexy aromatics of black cherry, canela, dove weed and truffle transition to a generous palate of red fruits, brown sugar, toasted pepitas and spice. Drink 2016-2026

## REVIEWS

*"Tasted as a barrel sample, the 2014 Garnacha has plenty of savoriness in its kirsch, blackberry, strawberry and spice driven style. Perfumed, complex, medium to full-bodied and packed with pretty fruit, drink it in its first 5-6 years."*

*90-92 Jeb Dunnock, The Wine Advocate*