

**Leo Steen Wines**  
**2017 Provisor Vineyard Dry Creek Valley Grenache**

**Release Date:** Fall 2018

**Production:** 300 cases

**Vineyard:** Located in the famed Lytton Springs District of Dry Creek Valley, Provisor Vineyard's prized red rock soils are planted to Tablas Creek Clone D Grenache in ideal north-south rows that run down a gently sloping hillside. Grown in Provisor's warm, dry conditions, these organically farmed grapes achieve beautiful ripeness, while preserving wonderful natural acidity and tannins.

**Harvest:** Though yields were relatively low at the Provisor Vineyard the 2017 growing season produced another exceptional vintage. We hand harvested our Provisor Grenache on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 23.6 Brix, with the fruit showing beautiful concentration and complexity.

**Fermentation:** To preserve its bold, rustic tannins, 50% of this wine was fermented as whole clusters using the traditional pigeage method. The balance was 30% whole berry with 20% undergoing carbonic maceration to highlight the Grenache's bright, sweet fruit notes.

**Cellar Notes:** To further highlight this wine's alluring fruit flavors, it was aged for 10 months in a combination of 360 gal French oak Cask and neutral 500-liter French oak puncheons. It was racked once and bottled unfiltered and unfined in August of 2018.

**Technical Notes:**

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH: 3.53

Total acid: 6.1 g/l

Malolactic fermentation: Completed

**Tasting Notes:** Though beautifully explosive, with robust layers of Sassafras, cherry and sweet red plum this wine is also remarkably poised and light on its feet. On the palate, the lush, juicy fruit mingles with hints of lavender, eucalyptus and freshly cracked black pepper. Round, firm tannins underscore a lingering finish with flavors of dried flowers.

**Vision:** I love Grenache. With its alluring red fruit aromas and rustic tannins, it can be a wonderful food wine. My goal is to accentuate this wine's depth, complexity and ability to age, while still showcasing the vibrant character that makes Great Grenache so fun and appealing.

