

2016 Grenache Crimson Hill Vineyard

Harvest Date	Oct. 11, 2016	Bottled	Mar. 21, 2018
Tons	6.2 tons	Cases	434
Harvest Brix	26.0	Alcohol	14.5
Acid	3.9 g/l	Acid	5.8g/l
Ph	3.95	pH	3.90

Our 2016 Grenache was blended with 17% Petite Sirah from our Crimson Hill Vineyard located in the Red Hills District. The vineyards are at 2000-plus feet elevation and overlook the southern end of Clear Lake. We planted just over two acres of Grenache on the crest of our property, where the soils are thin and very rocky. The crimson red, volcanic soil provides the perfect site for growing great red wines. The climate is ideal for late-season reds because, during the long growing season, the vineyard receives daily full sun with warm temperatures which are tempered by daily afternoon mistrals. The 2016 vintage was early with ideal conditions providing for optimum ripening.

The grapes were crushed and then cold soaked for two days prior to fermentation in small vats holding approximately 1.5 tons each. The bins were pressed and the wine was then aged in neutral barrels for a period of 16 months. We finalized the blend just prior to the spring bottling.

The wine exhibits aromas of ripe plum and rose petal with highlights of white pepper and cigar box. This gentle wine bursts with flavors of ripe plum, cinnamon and spice. This structured wine is flexible with moderate faire such as smoked chicken alfredo or roast pork loin or other white meats.

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