

Rara Avis

2019 | YAKIMA VALLEY



100% Grenache
Olsen Ranch Vineyard

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol: 14.2%

pH: 3.63

Residual Sugar: 0.2 g/liter

Titrateable Acidity: 4.9 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.49 g/liter

Cases Produced: 270



Harvest and Winemaking

2019 was a relatively warm vintage, in character with most of Washington's fabulous summers. However, an autumn freeze occurred around October 11, forcing a harvest of the remaining vineyards. The ripeness and flavor in the Grenache were achieved by the time of the cold snap.

The 2019 Rara Avis is 100% Grenache from Olsen Ranch Vineyard, located on a high elevation bench between Benton City and Prosser, Washington. All the grapes were hand-harvested, hand-sorted, destemmed, with 33% of the stems added back to the fermentation tanks. The Grenache was fermented with yeasts specific for the variety. The wine was aged in 100% used French Oak Puncheons for 16 months prior to bottling unfiltered and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

Vibrant and limpid hue. Decadent aromas of strawberry, cherry, pomegranate, and orange rind, with notes of earth and green tea. The mouthfeel is full of red fruit and dusty earth with Grenache

tannins creating a sense of freshness and intensity. This Grenache has a complexity that belies its lighter red hue and softer tannins. There is a beguiling earthiness that is terrific and delicious.

Thoughts on Grenache

Grenache is the great grape of Spain and Southern France and is the world's most widely planted vine. The vine produces a hearty wine with higher alcohol and lower acidity and seems to thrive in the high elevation regions of Washington.

In Southern France, Grenache is blended with Mourvèdre and a myriad of obscure red grapes few can remember. In Australia, Grenache is part of the GSM. A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Interestingly, in Chateaufort-du-Pape, Syrah is not allowed to be blended into the Grenache blends of the region.

Ingredients & Additions

Grenache grapes, yeast, organic yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, French Oak, and 35 ppm of Free SO₂.



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