

STOLPMAN

GRENACHE

BALLARD CANYON
2021

100% Grenache
520 cases produced

VINEYARD

Components

Block 1 & 5
Block 9 - Head-pruned,
own-rooted Grenache

Harvest Date

October 27-29

WINERY

Vinification

35% Whole-cluster

Vatting/Fermentation

Native fermentation in concrete
for 12-14 days

Cooperage & Elevage

Free run only, aged in 100%
Neutral French Ermitage Vache
Forest 500L Puncheon for 10
months

14.5% Alc by Vol

BACKGROUND

While Syrah carries the torch for Stolpman Vineyards and the greater Ballard Canyon AVA, Grenache and Mourvèdre have both been gaining recognition and acres planted here. 2021 marks the second vintage in which we've had the privilege to harvest our own-rooted, head-pruned Grenache vineyard planted in 2016.

VINTAGE

A total juxtaposition to the hot 2020 vintage, the 2021 vintage proved long and cool. Even with up to a 29-day range in picking dates between the two vintages, both Grenache cuvees bring energy and high-toned red fruit. The winemaking team has become masterful in managing tannin, via gentle extraction and pressing earlier. Thereto, the cuvee relies on the natural acidity of our Limestone-driven Grenache for balance and liveliness.

SENSORY

Ripe red Luxardo cherry straight to firm, structured fresh taut strawberry, backed by subtle wild forest and bramble. Energy and playfulness marry with signature cool-climate Grenache spice. With just a few minutes of air, more coating textures begin to curl over the rigid framework.

High toned and dazzling in its youth, the 2021 will begin to unfurl and flesh out in the next year or two after its March 2023 release. While most of Stolpman's other 2021 red cuvees show a supple finesse from the even, moderate weather of 2021, the 2021 Grenache shows a raw energetic cut.

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