

STOLPMAN

GRENACHE

BALLARD CANYON
2022

100% Grenache
610 cases produced

VINEYARD

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

Harvest Date
October 4 - 21

WINERY

Vinification
50% 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. 2022 marks the third vintage in which we've had the privilege to harvest our own-rooted, head pruned Grenache vineyard planted in 2016, and this block now has become the majority of our Estate Grenache bottling.

VINTAGE

A second year of drought reduced our 2022 yields and led to a small crop. Our vines naturally set only a few tiny clusters each, resetting themselves after over-delivering a healthy 2021 yield despite the lack of rain. A Labor Day heatwave further intensified the ripe flavor concentration of the tiny clusters.

The focus of the Estate Grenache, the own-rooted Block 9, hit optimal ripeness on October 21, 2022 and we are thrilled by the beautiful intense fruit – surely the future of our Estate Grenache program.

SENSORY

One of the deepest, ripest Estate Grenache vintages in memory, the 2022 moves more in a heady, inviting direction rather than the vevy cut of the past few years. Pure, seductively perfumed red fruit, exuding freshness in its youth. In the mouth, the wines shows rich and coating complimented by youthful yet restrained acidity and already extremely refined tannin. The tell-tale Grenache spice picks up on the finish and I'm excited to see the integration by the end of 2023 and into 2024.

∞ Estate, So Fresh, Combe ∞

2434 ALAMO PINTADO AVE, LOS OLIVOS CA 93441
TEL. 1 805 688 0400