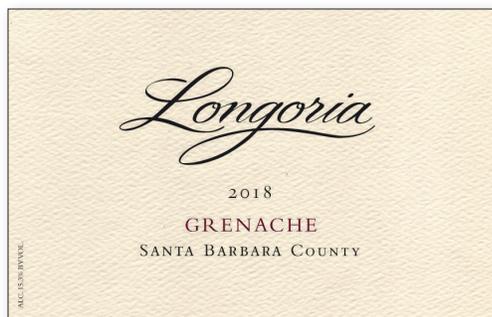


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2018 GRENACHE

Santa Barbara County

Inspiration

Grenache is one of the noble grapes grown in diverse Old World regions such as the Rhone region of France and the Priorat region of Spain. Depending on which Santa Barbara County micro-climate it is grown in, this grape can produce a wide range of wine styles. In 2018, I sourced my fruit from Liefv Vineyard located in eastern Santa Maria Valley and Tierra Alta Vineyard located just west of Los Olivos.

The Harvest

The weather during 2018's growing season and harvest was much milder than in recent vintages. This resulted in a later harvest, which gave the grapes more time to develop their flavors. The grapes from both vineyards were harvested on the same day, October 25th, with an average sugar content of 26.0 Brix.

Winemaking

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into small open top fermenters. The must was cold soaked for three days, then inoculated with yeast to start fermentation that lasted 11 days. The wines then were pressed off, settled and racked to a French oak puncheon and barrels. The wines aged for 13 months, with approximately 12% of the wine aging in new French oak cooperage, before being lightly filtered and bottled in February 2020.

The Wine

The wine has a medium, dark ruby color and the aromas are a mix of dried red fruits and oranges, with hints of spices in the background. On the palate the wine is medium to full bodied with flavors of dried pomegranate and cranberry. The wine's excellent acidity offers a nice refreshing lift in the finish.

Food Pairings

This wine will pair well with a wide variety of foods including Spanish style roasted pork, and a charcuterie plate that includes Manchego cheese and Spanish chorizo.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Composition: 94% Grenache

- Liefv Vineyard (54%)
- Tierra Alta Vineyard (40%)
- 6% Syrah – Clover Creek Vineyard

Production: 68 cases

Alcohol by volume: 15.3%

pH: 3.58

Titrateable acidity: 0.59g/100ml

Cellaring potential: Three to five years

Bottle price: \$30.00

Rick Longoria, Winemaker
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