

LATE BLOOMER 2014 GRENACHE

Varietal:

100% Grenache

Appellation:

California

Vineyards:

Rolph, Stolpman, Spanish Springs, Santa Barbara Highlands, Chelle Mountain, Shadow Canyon, John Sebastiano

Vinification:

30% Whole Cluster

Production:

626 cases made

Oak:

30% new French Oak

Time in Barrel:

48 months

Alcohol:

15.7 %

Cellar potential:

4-6 years

Release date:

September 8, 2018

TASTING NOTES

It's time to head up to the cabin by the lake and take in the natural setting. Walking through the nearby forest, you can smell soil recently struck by lightning. The setting is elegant but rustic, with burnt marshmallows and coffee roasting over the granite fire pit. Later, there will be wild blueberry pie straight out of the oven and a nip or two out of Grandpa's absinthe stash. You playfully dance with the stuffed and mounted grizzly bear in the corner, the one that came looking for a fight all those years ago but now stands ready with a furry embrace. Go ahead and enjoy. After all, what happens at the cabin stays at the cabin.

NOTES

Late Bloomer is the late draft pick that emerges as a scoreboard leader. It is comprised of a selection of lots that Russell babies for 4 years in a back corner of the winery. Aged without stirring or racking and topped every 2 weeks. The gangly kid on the label is a wine club member whose photo was selected by a panel of "experts" out of a hundred or so submissions from around the globe.

SERVING

Temperature: 65°F
30 minute decant.

ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. Vineyards of particular note include: Bien Nacido, Slide Hill, Larner, Shadow Canyon, Chelle Mountain, Luna Matta and White Hawk. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.

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