

LATE BLOOMER 2012 GRENACHE

Varietal:

100% Grenache

Appellation:

Santa Barbara County

Vineyards:

Stolpman, Larner, Watchhill,
Santa Barbara Highlands, Alamo
Creek, John Sebastiano

Production:

492 cases made

Oak:

25% new French Oak

Time in Barrel:

36 months

Alcohol:

15.6 %

Cellar potential:

4-6 years

Release date:

October 1, 2015

TASTING NOTES

Like a giant blue nosed pitbull that's been known to crush basketballs in his mouth, but thinks he's a lap dog and has no idea that he could be a monster. Raspberry sauce poured out on a hot sidewalk, pastrami meat, clove, beef tartare, cherry flambé, sweet carnitas, rail car of fresh lumber, blood orange, mincemeat and desert white sage. More headspinningly unexpected than a donkey in a tutu and a heck of a lot more interesting.

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 3 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, John Sebastiano, Larner, Shadow Canyon, Stolpman, Vogelzang 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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