

LATE BLOOMER

2019

GRENACHE

Varietal:
Grenache

AVA:
California

Vineyards:
Bien Nacido, Slide Hill, Luna
Matta, Rolph, Full Draw

Production:
412 cases made

Vinification:
50% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:
48 months

Alcohol:
15.7 %

Cellar potential:
4-6 years

Release date:
September 16, 2023

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. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.



TASTING NOTES

Forget the last day of school, because the hair-raising twists and turns of this pure-steel coaster are calling your name. But as soon as the harnesses lock in, you wish you were back in Algebra. Too late. You're off like a shot—strawberry jam loop-de-loops, cinnamon corkscrews, rum cake and red plum roundabouts, brown sugar tamari inversions that suck the breath from your lungs, herbal breezes whipping at your cheeks, and the sweet futile hope that by the start of next year, the other guys will forget about all your screaming.

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
Decant: 30 minutes

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