

LATE BLOOMER 2015 GRENACHE

Varietal:

100% Grenache

Appellation:

California

Vineyards:

Bien Nacido, Slide Hill,
Santa Barbara Highlands,
Chelle Mountain, Rolph,
Luna Matta

Vinification:

50% Whole Cluster

Production:

620 cases made

Oak:

40% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

48 months

Alcohol:

15.8 %

Cellar potential:

4-6 years

Release date:

September 14, 2019

TASTING NOTES

A day at the lake left you sun-soaked and sleepy. Dirt and wood chips stick to your feet and probably your hair, but somewhere hidden in these pines, a fire's waiting. When you sat on the rocks with Robbie Vanderberg, after his shift at the produce market, while his friends pushed each other off the dock, did he mean to touch your hand? His sticky blackberry-stained fingers, the breeze off the water, now it's all fading away between a flickering bonfire, carefree chatter, and a flask you've been passed, sweet bourbon. Curled in a camping chair, you wonder what he would do if you made a move. There's only one way to find out.

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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