

# LATE BLOOMER 2018 GRENACHE

**Varietal:**

Grenache

**AVA:**

California

**Vineyards:**

Bien Nacido, Slide Hill,  
Rolph, Luna Matta

**Vinification:**

45% Whole Cluster

**Production:**

563 cases made

**Oak:**

45% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

48 months

**Alcohol:**

15.6%

**Cellar potential:**

4-6 years

**Release date:**

September 10, 2022

## TASTING NOTES

Doesn't matter what your step-dad said, this cherry-licorice-lacquered Harley was made for sweet sunset joyrides. So when Liz Basinger's eyes go wide at the engine's meaty cinnamon growl, you've got no choice. Pistons dripping molasses, dual tailpipes blowing grilled-herb smoke, with pines whizzing by on either side. Her arms wrapped around your purloined leather jacket, strawberry sweet nothings in your ear—you're going faster, faster, intoxicated by the open road. Now if you can just figure out how to break.

## 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

## 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.

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