# LARNER 2020 SYRAH/GRENACHE

Varietals:

67% Syrah, 33% Grenache

AVA:

Ballard Canyon

Vineyard:

Larner

**Production:** 

317 cases made

Oak:

85% New French Oak

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.8 %

**Cellar potential:** 

6-10 years

Release date:

September 10, 2022

# TASTING NOTES

This is strutting up to an open mic and reeling off a slam poetry performance the patrons of this humble hibachi restaurant will never forget. We're talking sweet dark-plum free verse, sprinkled with five-spice slant rhymes, wet stone sibilance, and pipe tobacco rhythm—all to the syncopated cadence of steel spatulas on the pepper-scattered grill. Snaps all around. Then it's back into your flow, only to realize you've interrupted Mildred's 80th birthday party, and everyone wants to know when your book debuts.

# **NOTES**

Larner Vineyard was winemaker Russell P. From's first fruit contract for Herman Story back in 2001 and over a decade later he is still working with the same block, same rows, same clones. Named by Robert Parker as a potential Grand Cru site, Larner Vineyard consistently produces Syrah and Grenache of singular character.

# **SERVING**

Temperature: 65° F Decant: 1+ hour

# **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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