

# LATE BLOOMER 2016 GRENACHE

**Varietal:**

Grenache

**AVA:**

California

**Vineyards:**

Bien Nacido, Slide Hill,  
Chelle Mountain, Rolph,  
Luna Matta

**Vinification:**

50% Whole Cluster

**Production:**

645 cases made

**Oak:**

50% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

48 months

**Alcohol:**

15.7 %

**Cellar potential:**

4-6 years

**Release date:**

September 12, 2020

**TASTING NOTES**

This is what happens when you list Principal Needham's house for sale, just to make Clint Holgate laugh. Now, you're planning an impromptu open house. You're filling a table with plum tort, vanilla bean cheesecake, and buttermilk-brined fried chicken. You don your mom's best herringbone suit and light jasmine-lavender candles. Now you're chatting up sweater-clad suburbanites, in way above your head, and Needham's on his way. You get a scolding, weeks of detention, and you're grounded "indefinitely," but it's all worth it when you find Clint outside, leaning on his truck, and that smile.

**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. 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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