# LATE BLOOMER 2017 GRENACHE

#### Varietal: Grenache

**AVA:** California

#### Vineyards:

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

Vinification: 40% Whole Cluster

**Production:** 628 cases made

**Oak:** 35% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:** 48 months

**Alcohol:** 15.8%

**Cellar potential:** 4-6 years

Release date: September 11, 2021

## TASTING NOTES

It's Friday night at the Dixie Skateland, and you've never seen Roberta Rogers looking this good. Cinnamon hair glowing in the roving cherry-plum lights, red and violet and red again. Strawberry lip gloss with lavender bell bottoms. The boys, slapping furiously at the sides of the Star Trek pinball machine, wave you over. But 10cc just hit the loudspeaker, couples are pairing off, and you haven't spent the last hour sucking down vanilla-cola courage for nothing. Tighten the laces, venture to the glazed maple floor, and try to act like you've skated before.

## 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.



