## LARNER 2018 SYRAH / GRENACHE

Varietals: 50% Syrah, 50% Grenache

**AVA:** Ballard Canyon

Vineyard: Larner

**Production:** 310 cases made

**Oak:** 85% New French Oak

**Time in Barrel:** 24 months

**Alcohol:** 15.8%

**Cellar potential:** 8+ years

**Release date:** September 12, 2020

## TASTING NOTES

It's midnight at the museum fundraiser and someone's stolen the Hockney. Gasps all around. A painting full of sugarcane colors and buttery yerba maté aubade, a sunbather by the pool, now stashed away in a suitcase or trunk. Strawberry tarts and fig baba au rhum hit the floor as startled guests dart around the ballroom. Pandemonium – the entire gallery is in a panic, but not you. Instead, you sip your rye whiskey and make your way down the marble steps to the waiting Silver Spirit, a canvas strapped to your leg.

## 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.





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.



