

Two Vintners Grenache Columbia Valley 2019

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2019

GRAPE Grenache/Blend

GEOGRAPHY Not Europe

COUNTRY USA

LARGER REGION Washington

SMALLER REGION Columbia Valley

Rationale

Grenache is one of the best and most unappreciated red wine grapes—there, we said it. Grenache has many homes and faces.

It can make extraordinary single varietal wines, as the rich examples of Australia, Spain, France, and the USA all demonstrate. Grenache also blends magnificently, as anyone who enjoys a well-balanced Rioja or great bottle of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a GSM (Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvèdre) blend, can attest. Grenache also makes formidable rosé wines around the world and one could argue that the great VDNs (vins doux naturels) coming from Banyuls, Rasteau, and Maury demonstrate Grenache's ability to yield a full-flavored and complex dessert wine. The dry still examples, which are by far the lion share of what is on the market, are enjoyable wines that show jammy grape-forward with a touch of peppery spiciness, fleshy and creamy in texture with both red (primarily) and black fruit led by aromas and flavors of strawberry, cherries, black currants, and black raspberries.

Morgan Lee is one of the nicest guys you will meet. And an incredibly talented winemaker. Previously interning at Columbia Crest, Morgan makes a range of outstanding wines, including one, if not the best, Zinfandel in Washington. This Columbia Valley Grenache hails from Boushey, Olsen, Weather Eye, and Dineen vineyards in the Columbia Valley. With a great combination of darker red fruits, pepper, and a slight smoky tinge, this wine shows the potential of Washington Grenache.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright

CLARITY Clear

COLOR DEPTH Light

COLOR Ruby

RIM VARIATION Pink
Stained Tears: None

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

ACID Med+

ALCOHOL High

TANNIN Med+

TEXTURE Round / Smooth

FINISH Long

COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Currant • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Strawberry *Condition: Ripe*

BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry • Black Currant / Cassis *Condition: Ripe*

FLORAL Jasmine • Rose *Condition: Fresh*

OTHER VEGETABLE Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Olive (Black) • Cola Nut

HERBAL Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Basil • Garrique / Provence • Oregano

OTHER SPICES White Pepper • Black Pepper • Licorice (Red) • Chinese Five Spice • Green Peppercorn

ORGANIC EARTH Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

OAK INFLUENCE Blended Oak

PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES Partial / Whole Cluster