

Carol Shelton

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GRENACHE NOIR

Contra Costa County, “Central Coast”

Grenache Noir is the darker-skinned member of the Grenache family, which also includes green-skinned Grenache Blanc and mauve-skinned Grenache Gris—it is often just referred to as “Grenache” (or Garnacha in Spain), although that is sort of like just saying “Pinot” instead of Pinot Noir or Pinot Blanc/Gris. In any case, the variety is clearly color challenged, but it produces such lovely delicate red fruit that we can forgive that! We selected this lot from wines destined for the Coquille Rouge blend because we fell in love with its easy-drinking vivacity—enjoy!

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes: Color is only a bit darker than our Rosé! Nose shows delightful ripe strawberry aromas and some peppery spice, along with a bit of black cherry fruit, and of savory leather notes in the background. Lighter bodied in mouth but super soft and creamy with a nice tangy finish. This would be fantastic with any lighter dishes with poultry or fish, or vegetarian meals, especially with lots of mushrooms! Try Chicken with Snow peas and Shiitake mushrooms, perhaps?

Harvest Date:	August 20, 2021
Average Brix at Harvest:	Average 22.4°Brix
Fermentation Characteristics:	4-day cold soak, fermented in 0.8-ton T-bins & punched down by hand twice daily, 3 different yeast strains, 11 days total on skins
Cellar Storage/Aging:	7.5 months in <u>older</u> oak barrels, so the delicate fruit is not overwhelmed by powerful oak: 20% American, 80% French
Alcohol:	13.1%
Total Acidity:	0.56 gm/100ml 3.67 pH
Varietals:	90% Grenache Noir, 5% Petite Sirah, 2% each Carignane & Mourvèdre, 1% Alicante Bouschet
Appellation :	95% Central Coast: 83% Oakley, Contra Costa Co 12% Paso Robles, Nevarez Vineyard 5% North Coast (Pet Sirah) **all Sustainably Grown
Case production:	149 cases
Bottling Date:	May 11, 2022
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