

Wine Critic Reviews 2016 Santa Ynez Valley Grenache

California Grapevine | February 2018

91 points

"Medium-light to medium ruby color; attractive, assertive, deep, bright, red cherry, strawberry and cranberry fruit aroma with hints of baking spices; full body; rich, ripe, spicy, moderately concentrated, red fruit flavors with good depth and bright acidity; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. A very likeable wine that's nicely balanced and easy to drink and enjoy now and over the next year or two. Very highly recommended. 15% alcohol; 900 cases; 100% Grenache; released November 2017."

Vinous | By Antonio Galloni, September 2018

90 points

Drink 2019 - 2024

"The 2016 Grenache offers lovely brightness and intensity. Floral overtones and a host of red berry fruit flavors give the 2016 its vivacious personality. Light on its feet, yet surprisingly deep, the 2016 has a lot to offer. Aging in neutral oak allows the purity of the fruit to shine through nicely."

Wine Advocate | By Lisa Perrotti-Brown, September 2017

90 points

Drink 2017 - 2021

"The 2016 Grenache has a medium garnet-purple color and nose of baked cherries, black raspberries and plum preserves with touches of Chinese five spice, cracked pepper and sautéed herbs. Big, full-bodied and plushly textured, the berry preserves and spice flavors deliver a full-throttle palate and long, pepper-laced finish."

JebDunnuck | By Jeb Dunnuck, October 15, 2018

90 points

Drink 2018 - 2024

"Black cherries, roasted herbs, licorice, and assorted underbrush and earthy notes all emerge from the 2016 Grenache, which is 100% Grenache from Purisima Vineyard. It's medium-bodied, supple and polished on the palate, with terrific elegance and purity. Drink it over the coming 4-6 years."

Slow Wine Guide | April 2019

"The elegant, pale ruby Santa Ynez Valley Grenache 2016 (10,800 bt;24\$) combines fruit from both vineyards to exhibit red plum, ripe strawberry, and a slightly savory bacon quality. It has a nice, balanced structure and an increasingly complex finish of brambly blueberry and blackberry."