



Wine Critic Reviews

2017 Santa Ynez Valley Grenache

Jeb Dunnuck | By Jeb Dunnuck, October 31, 2019

91 points

“The base 2017 Grenache (100% varietal) comes all from the Purisima Mountain Vineyard in Santa Ynez and was destemmed and brought up in tank. It reveals a medium ruby/plum color as well as beautiful notes of black cherries, ground pepper, sappy herbs, and hints of violets. Medium-bodied, elegant, with fine tannins and terrific balance, it’s an outstanding example of California Grenache that’s going to evolve for over a decade. Maturity: 2019 – 2029.”

Wine Advocate | By Erin Brooks, September 12, 2019

90 points

“Pale to medium ruby, the 2017 Grenache has a nose of powdered sugar, sweet red cherries, red berry preserves, violet, blueberries and dusty earth with a savory undercurrent. Medium-bodied, it offers loads of ripe red berries flavors with chalky tannins and good freshness on the finish. 950 cases produced. Drink 2019 - 2023.”

Nittany Epicurean | June 2019

“This wine is 100% grenache from Purisima Mountain Vineyard in the Ballard Canyon AVA and Beckmen Estate Vineyard in the Los Olivos District AVA. After a 10-day fermentation, the wine was aged for ten months in French oak barrels. It comes in at 15.5% ABV. The wine showed a light ruby color. Cherry, raspberry, strawberry, currant and whiffs of smoke all arrived on the nose. Cherry, raspberry, cranberry, vanilla and hints of oak followed on the palate where the understated oak uplifted the ripe berry fruit. The wine exhibited good structure and length, along with soft tannins. This wine would pair well with grilled salmon or braised pork shanks.”

NorCal Wine | By Fred Swan, August 26, 2019

“A red-colored and red-fruited wine, this 100% Grenache proffers appealing aromas of wild cherry, raspberry, dark flowers, cocoa, and baking spice. Fine-grained tannins with a touch of grip frame generous flavors of bing cherry, dark chocolate, ferrous mineral, and baking spice. Body is medium-plus and, while the wine is lovely with food, it carries itself lightly enough to drink on its own, especially with a very light chill. Drink now through 2025.”