



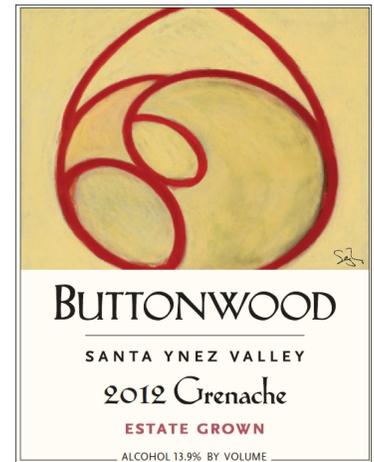
BUTTONWOOD

WINERY & VINEYARD

2012 Grenache

PROUDLY GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED ON OUR SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ESTATE

OVERVIEW	Our most delicate red, Grenache is bright, silky and spicy! Serve with pork roast, cioppino or stuffed mushrooms.
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BLEND	100% Grenache
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SPECS	13.9% Alcohol, 3.58 pH, 5.7 g/L acidity
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PRODUCTION	43 cases bottled in-house April 2014
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IN THE VINEYARD

In 2008, we grafted a little over an acre and a quarter from Merlot to Grenache with a thought to complement our red Rhône program and because we thought the rocky soils of that sun-drenched area of the vineyard would prove perfect for Grenache. Careful pruning, south-side sun shading, lots of fruit dropping and cluster by cluster “grooming” was required with wings and shoulders clipped off each cluster.

THE VINTAGE

It was a glorious vintage. The weather was picture-perfect from bud-break to harvest, with even and normal seasonal temperatures, foggy mornings, bright sunny days and cold, crisp evenings throughout the growing season. We harvested Grenache on Halloween - what a treat!

WINEMAKING

The grapes were 100% de-stemmed, and the fermenting bins full of berries then placed into the cold room to extract color and spice from the skins prior to the onset of fermentation. Once back in the cellar, the must was inoculated with GRE yeast and finished primary fermentation over a matter of two weeks. The fermenting bins were drained of free run juice, directly to barrel and the skins pressed. Each barrel was individually tasted and selected for this small release. Vegan.

TASTING NOTES

Our most delicate estate red wine, 2012 Grenache is medium bodied with a bouquet of Bing cherry, rose hips and redcurrant. There is a smokiness to the palate with raspberry, “Red Vines” licorice and hints of white pepper finishing with a reminder of chocolate mints.

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