

2016 PATTERSON CELLARS GRENACHE



TECHNICAL DATA

AVA: Red Mountain

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 78% Grenache, 16% Mourvedre, 6% Syrah

VINEYARD SOURCES: Red Heaven
CELLAR TREATMENT: 100% French oak

PRODUCTION: 200 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.9% by volume

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant ruby red, this youthful and refreshing blend of Grenache, Mourvedre and Syrah also brings engaging depth and complexity to your glass. Delightful fragrances abound, including candied strawberry, roses, peonies, and a hint of spicy white pepper. Bright red cherry, strawberry rhubarb, and brambly red raspberries on the palate suggest an end of summer bounty. Perfect to be shared outdoors with friends around the bonfire.

PRODUCTION NOTES

All three grape varietals in the 2016 Patterson Cellars Grenache are from the Red Heaven Vineyard in the heart of the Red Mountain AVA. The Grenache and Mourvedre were both picked on October 12, over a month after the Syrah which arrived at the winery on September 10. All wines were fermented in 1.5 ton stainless steel fermenters. Grenache can be easily overcome by oak, so we intentionally kept it very light. Two lightly toasted new French oak barrels housed a portion of the Grenache, with the remainder of the wine going into neutral French oak for 8 months before final blending and bottling.

