

2015

GRENACHE

DRY CREEK VALLEY - FAMIGHETTI VINEYARDS


ADOBE ROAD
WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 Famighetti Grenache comes from one of our favorite spots in all of Dry Creek Valley. Mark and Sheila Farmer, along with their vineyard dog Elsa, farm a small bench-top of these grenache vines almost 1,000 feet high above the valley floor. This Grenache is extremely expressive: aromatically, the baking spices of cinnamon and nutmeg play a key role along with ripe red cherries, strawberries, and vanilla. On the palate: kirsch flavors and fresh acidity reinforce the spice elements, all framed by smooth tannins and dark fruit.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Grapes were harvested at first light in the cold of the morning and transported directly to the winery. After being sorted, destemmed, and sorted again, the best berries were gently dumped into an open top fermentation tank. Gentle pumpovers and slightly cool fermentation temperature helped retain and accent bright fruit flavors and aromas. The wine was aged in a combination of new and used French oak barrels

Making Grenache from the Famighetti Vineyard is very much like making pinot noir. As always, getting it right in the vineyard is the first priority. From there, ensuring every step respects the gentle nuances of the fruit is paramount: gentle extraction, cooler fermentation, clean lees aging, elimination of headspace and oxygen interaction. These steps result in our Adobe Road Grenache: elegant and packed with red fruits, spices and just a hint of smoke and wild game, bringing echos of syrah.

THE VINTAGE

2015 was a bit of a departure from the previous three years. California was in its fourth consecutive year of drought and the vineyards reflected those conditions. The vines woke up early and struggled to produce a smaller crop. Making matters more challenging, cold weather during flowering caused an uneven fruit set. All of this followed by a few early heat spikes made for challenging conditions. However, the vintage rewarded those who rolled with mother nature and used a combination of common sense and the best technology available to produce superior wines.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Grenache

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley

VINEYARD(S)

Famighetti Vineyard

BARREL COMPOSITION

20 percent new French oak; 80 percent used French oak

BARREL AGING

18 months

ALCOHOL

15.4%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

100

