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RUTHERFORD 1872

**GRENACHE
MENDOCINO
VINTAGE 2022**

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

Within the North Coast region, the start of the 2022 growing season was marked by favorable weather conditions extending into the early summer months. However, the situation shifted as a prolonged heatwave emerged in late August, hastening the harvesting process and leading to diminished yields for certain grape varieties.

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes are from vineyards in Talmage, just outside of Ukiah, on the Eastern side of the Russian River. These vineyards contain gravelly soils in some areas and richer, river sediment in others resulting in wines that are plump with lively bright fruit and refined tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Immersed in a luxuriously deep ink hue, this grenache unveils a captivating symphony of aromas. Rich and enticing, it beckons with alluring notes of wild strawberry and fruit compote, complemented by subtle hints of cedar tree tips. On the palate, the wine reveals a refreshing vivacity, boasting a bright demeanor and well-integrated acidity that masterfully harmonizes with the fruit flavors. The magical finish lingers, weaving a tapestry of raspberry, black cherry, and a subtle wisp of black pepper. For an enchanting experience, serve slightly chilled and pair with your favorite robust and hearty dishes.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Mendocino

HARVEST DATE(S): 10/10/22

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

PH: 3.37

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.66 g/L

BARRELS/AGING: 12 Months in 100% Neutral French Oak,

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