

# AUSTIN HOPE

## 2012 GRENACHE

PASO ROBLES

### *Vineyards*

The 2012 Austin Hope Grenache was grown on the Hope Family Vineyard, located just 20 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the Templeton Gap region of Paso Robles. The site's rocky soils of clay and limestone make it ideal for the Rhône varieties to which it is planted – Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, and Roussanne. Our Grenache blocks are comprised of four clones: Tablas Creek, 513, 814, 362 and are planted in high density, 5'x 5' spacing or smaller. The vines are managed carefully to keep cluster counts at an average of 5–6 per plant, resulting in fruit with great intensity and rich berry flavors.

### *Harvest Notes*

The 2012 growing season in California's Central Coast was a welcome surprise after two years of moderate harvests. 2012 was a record crop across the state, not only from a quantity standpoint, but quality as well. Ideal weather conditions -- just the right amount of rainfall and no major frost events -- allowed a wonderful fruit to set, enjoy a long growing season, and produced a bountiful crop. Harvest in late September and early October was exceptional.

### *Winemaking Notes*

Grapes were hand-picked, and then fermented in five-ton, open-top tanks. After daily pump-overs (for color and tannin extraction) for 10 days, the wines were aged for ten months in primarily new French oak barrels. The barrel program is a mixture of Boutes, Claude Gillet, d'Aquitane, de Jarnac, St. Martin, and Meyrieux. The Grenache was racked once, just prior to bottling in January of 2013.

### *Tasting Notes*

The 2012 Austin Hope Grenache has a gorgeous ruby hue. It displays sweet aromas of dried cranberry, raspberry and plum; traces of allspice, vanilla and cinnamon add complexity in the background. On the palate, the wine is elegantly balanced, with flavors of ripe cherry and strawberry, followed by a long finish accented by touches of black pepper.

Oak Program: 100% New French Oak

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Hope Family Vineyard

Harvest Dates: 9/9/2012 – 9/11/2012

Bottled: 2/19/2014

Production: 1,320 six-bottle cases

Alcohol: 15.5%



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