

Austin Hope

2021 ESTATE GRENACHE

Rhône varietals from the Hope Family's Estate Vineyard in the Templeton Gap District – these are the wines that started it all for the Austin Hope label. Out Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Rhône-style blends come from the home vineyard where Austin grew up, and where his parents put down roots in Paso Robles.

First launched in 2000, these limited release wines helped spur the region's reputation for world-class Rhône varieties, reflecting the excellence of the Templeton Gap District and the hands-on winegrowing of Austin Hope and his family.

HARVEST NOTES

Our Estate Grenache is grown in the Templeton Gap district, which is a near-perfect condition for the varietal; Warm days, cool nights and afternoon spring and summer breezes with some maritime influence from the Pacific Ocean, just 22 miles away. Soils are clay-based but integrated with small, water worn limestone deposits that help to keep the soil well-drained. Plant spacing is 5.5' x 6' which accommodates more plants per acre, thus allowing each plant to produce less fruit with concentrated color and flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Four Grenache clones were used in the 2021 blend: Alban clone (Rayas CDP France), Tablas Creek Vineyard Selection (Beaucastel CDP) Tinta Clone 01 (Spain), Garnacha clone 814 (Spain), France via Paso Robles). The grapes were handpicked and fermented separately by vineyard block in five-ton, open-top tanks. After daily pump-overs (for color and tannin extraction) for 10 days, the tanks were tasted and analyzed for their tannin and structure to determine the length of extended maceration. These wines were held from 10-20 days on their skins before the being aged separately for 10 months in 100% once used French oak barrels. The wine was racked once during Summer of 2022 to be blended and a second time just prior to bottling in February of 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Austin Hope Grenache comes from the Hope Family Estate in the Templeton Gap District. Composed of multiple clones for natural complexity and nuance, this is a strong and powerful Grenache that finishes with enticing elegance.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL(S): 100% Grenache

AVA: Paso Robles Templeton Gap District – Hope Family Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE: 9/23/21 and 10/7/21

OAK PROGRAM: 100% Once Used French Oak

TIME IN OAK: 16 Months

ALCOHOL: 15.00%

pH: 3.68

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.58 g tartaric/100mL

DRINKING WINDOW: 2024 - 2034

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