



2023 ESTATE GRENACHE

MOON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

TASTING NOTES

Unfurling in the glass with a red ruby hue, the 2023 Estate Grenache opens with bright aromas of wild alpine strawberry and raspberry, interwoven with notes of spice, crushed ironstone, and dried wild herbs. Lifted red fruits and a distinctive floral character continue to emerge on the palate, framed by finely delineated tannins and a crystalline structure that envelops a core of volcanic minerality, which persists through a long finish. Vibrant and complete in its youth, this wine will continue to develop and gain complexity over the next decade.

VINTAGE NOTES

2023 marks a benchmark year for a cool vintage in California — the coolest since the winery's inception. The season began with a cold, wet winter, with December, January, and March each seeing upwards of ten inches of rain. In late February, Nuns Canyon Vineyard experienced several inches of snow — a rare event we had not seen since 2017. By spring, the rainfall began to taper, but the cool conditions persisted. Bud break occurred later than usual, and shoot growth was moderate. These cooler-than-average conditions extended into early summer until a heat spike in early July. The remainder of the summer brought moderate warmth without any significant heat events. The ripening conditions were near ideal, with gentle warmth and no severe heat during August and September. Harvest began on September 4th with Sauvignon Blanc — our latest start to harvest on record. Red cultivars followed on September 14th, and picking continued through October 10th. This vintage stands out as one of the most expressive we have seen, showcasing remarkable elegance and vitality.

Hamel produces estate-grown wines from the western hillsides of the Mayacamas Mountains in the Moon Mountain District and Sonoma Valley. With a commitment to dry farming, certified organic and biodynamic practices and a meticulous focus on terroir, Hamel's winegrowing team aims to express the distinctive volcanic character of their vineyard sites through Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Grenache blends. As a family-owned and operated winery, Hamel is committed to sustainability, stewardship and forward-thinking innovation.

VINTAGE: 2023 | **APPELLATION:** Moon Mountain District

VARIETY: Grenache (84% Grenache, 8% Mourvèdre, 8% Zinfandel)

VINEYARDS: 82% Nuns Canyon Vineyard, 10% Hamel Family Ranch, 8% Rattlesnake Ridge

FERMENTATION: : 95% Stainless Steel Tanks and 5% Neutral Oak Vat with 60% Whole Cluster Fermentation

AGING: 100% Concrete Eggs

HARVEST DATES: 8.14.23 – 10.9.23

BOTTLING DATE: 2.28.25

PRODUCTION: 732 cases

ALCOHOL: 13%

SRP: \$80

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