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2008 Grenache Terra Bella Vineyard



This is the second year that we have released a 100% Paso Robles Grenache, all from one single vineyard named Terra Bella Vineyards. It is next door to Adelaida, Halter Ranch, and Tablas Creek...a sweet spot in the West Side of Paso Robles. It is a wonderful climate and soil for growing rich Grenache and Syrah. The vineyard is comprised of several smaller blocks of Syrah and a single block of Grenache Noir (John Alban Clone). The soil is full of limestone and calcareous material that ensures a wonderful color and natural acidity that keeps this very big wine fresh rather than over the top. We pick the Grenache in the early, foggy mornings and rush it down to the winery, where we destem about 80% of the grapes. As we are filling our 2 ton, open top fermenters, we throw in the 20% whole cluster fruit. This provides structure and helps us craft a very dark Grenache. The must is fermented open top for about 14 days, when it is gently pressed and run off to a mix of new French Oak (25%) and 1-3 year old barrels. We age it in barrels for nearly 18 months before bottling and then about 6 months in bottle before finally releasing.

Varieties: 95% Grenache Noir, 5% Syrah

Vineyard Composition:

95% Grenache Noir, Terra Bella Vineyards, Paso Robles

5% Syrah, Terra Bella Vineyards, Paso Robles

Production: 130 12bottle X 750 mL Cases

Release Date: November, 2010

Release Price: \$30/750 mL Bottle

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