2011 Grenache
Yakima Valley
Lonesome Spring Ranch

DavenLore winery

CASES PRODUCED: 75

WINEMAKER NOTES

After our first Grenache (The Apprentice) made by Adrienne Mills, I was hooked on the variety. A Rhone grape, as are Syrah, Mourvèdre and Durif, Grenache is like working with berry compote. Light colored with intense fruit it is a magnificent blender to have in the winemaking tool box but equally striking on its own.

Some growers make this variety shine and Colin Morrell of Lonesome Spring Ranch is that grower. His vineyard location on a warm bench on Rattlesnake Mountain above Benton City is idyllic for Grenache.

Mostly neutral oak barrels enhanced the wild fruit flavors in this wine without risk of dominance. Red raspberry, Montmorency tart cherry, blueberry and candy apple merge wonderfully into a fruity combination of excitement. A hint of cinnamon apple and cocoa powder lingers on the finish.

Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARDS

Location: LONESOME SPRING RANCH
Planted: 2004
Soils: Scootney silt loam is deep, well drained soil. While the top 12-20" are pure silt loam, it is underlain by gravelly silt loam to a depth which can exceed several feet.

WINEMAKING

Harvested by Hand: November 4, 2011
Brix: 26.5
pH: 3.31
Yeast: Laffort Zymaflore F-15
Fermentation completed: 5 days
Maximum fermentation temperature: 83˚F

GRENACHE
YAKIMA VALLEY
LONESOME SPRING RANCH
GRENACHE 95% · MOURVÈDRE 4% · SYRAH 1%

Wine Lore: This is the second Daven Lore venture with Grenache. It celebrates the vineyard that produced the amazing fruit for this wine. Colin Morrell's Lonesome Spring Ranch sits on a warm, well drained bench on the side of Rattlesnake Mountain. It is graced with a year around spring bearing that same name. This Grenache, full of red fruit and berry flavors, is as elegant and fresh as its source.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 15.3%
Blend:
95% Grenache Lonesome Spring Ranch
4% Mourvèdre Arthur's Vineyard
1% Syrah Alder Ridge
Cases produced: 75
Bottled: March 7, 2013
Potential Aging: 0-3 years

FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled chicken
Bruschetta
Roasted pork tenderloin
Vegetable or cheese quiche

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