

AUSTIN HOPE WINERY

2006 GRENACHE

Hope Family Vineyard, Paso Robles

Vineyards

Our Grenache is a Tablas Creek clone grown in the Hope Family Vineyard. The vineyard is located in the Templeton Gap region of west Paso Robles. The Grenache block is planted in 5' x 5' spacing. Vines are managed carefully to keep cluster counts at an average of 5-6 per plant resulting in greater intensity and richer berry flavors.

Harvest

Paso Robles experienced lighter than normal rainfall in 2006. After a prolonged heat spell in August, temperatures cooled down significantly in early September and became most consistent from late September to late October. This allowed grapes to ripen evenly in the Hope Family Vineyard. We started harvesting Grenache on October 1 at 26 -26.6° brix.

Production Notes

Grapes were fermented in five-ton, open-top tanks. After fermentation, the wine was aged 11 months on its lees, in 70% new French oak barrels. The remainder was aged in 1-2 year old French oak barrels. The Grenache was racked only once, just prior to bottling. It is unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

The 2006 vintage is the second release of Grenache from the Austin Hope Winery. The red fruit aromas are bright, but soft, with delicate hints of cedar and herbes de Provence. Rich berry leads to notes of cocoa on the mid-palate with a seamless texture and firm, but well-integrated tannins that offer a long and elegant finish.

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