

LATE BLOOMER 2013 GRENACHE

Varietal:

100% Grenache

Appellation:

Santa Barbara County

Vineyards:

Alamo Creek, Bien Nacido, John Sebastiano, Murmur, Santa Barbara Highlands, Spanish Springs, Stolpman

Production:

338 cases made

Oak:

45% new, 55% neutral French Oak barrels

Time in Barrel:

36 months

Alcohol:

15.6 %

Cellar potential:

6+ years

Release date:

October 1, 2016

TASTING NOTES

It's prom and you can't believe Trevor Winchester asked you to go. You check the fresh flower corsage, he arrives and you're in his parent's new Lexus heading to the dance on the freshly rained on streets. He's put on too much of the Bay Rhum cologne, but you like it as you snap your cherry Bubble Yum. You're drinking huckleberry milkshakes and espresso over ice cream in an old teak wood parlor, waiting for him to make the move.

NOTES

Late Bloomer is the late draft pick that emerges as a scoreboard leader. It is comprised of a selection of lots that Russell babies for 3 years in a back corner of the winery. Aged without stirring or racking and topped every 2 weeks. The gangly kid on the label is a wine club member whose photo was selected by a panel of "experts" out of a hundred or so submissions from around the globe.

SERVING

Temperature: 65°F

30 minute decant.

ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. Vineyards of particular note include: Bien Nacido, John Sebastiano, Larner, Shadow Canyon, Chelle Mountain, Vogelzang and White Hawk. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.

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