

LARNER

2014 SYRAH GRENACHE

Varietals:

52% Syrah, 48% Grenache

Appellation:

Ballard Canyon

Vineyard:

Larner

Production:

352 cases made

Oak:

70% new, 30% neutral French
Oak barrels

Time in Barrel:

24 months

Alcohol:

15.8 %

Cellar potential:

8+ years

Release date:

October 1, 2016

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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TASTING NOTES

When your Culinary Institute of America trained, Michelin starred buddy rolls up and asks if you want to go foraging for dinner up in Sebastopol, you don't ask questions. Just clear the calendar and jump in. At camp he's got a pig roasting underground and you head into the forest smoking Maduro wrapped Avo cigars looking for accoutrements and the hunting is good. Apple blossoms, stripped sassafras bark, impossible blackberries, pink peppercorns and easily the best dutch oven ginger spice cake that has ever existed.

NOTES

Larner Vineyard was winemaker Russell P. From's first fruit contract for Herman Story back in 2001 and over a decade later he is still working with the same block, same rows, same clones. Named by Robert Parker as a potential Grand Cru site, Larner Vineyard consistently produces Syrah and Grenache of singular character.

SERVING

Temperature: 65°F

Decant: 1+ hour

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