



**2015**  
**Grenache**  
**Ballard Canyon**  
**Kimsey Vineyard**

We have been looking forward to getting this wine bottled and added to our line-up for a while now. I have made a good amount of Grenache over the years and have always favored an approach to the grape that resulted in dark, heady wines with high alcohol and a full, almost sweet, body. We tend to look to Europe, France in this case, for our stylistic approach to certain grapes and the wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape were always my goal when it came to Grenache. This year, however, I wanted to try something different. I have talked, ad nauseam, with other winemakers about the stylistic possibilities and intricacies of Grenache and the decision this year was to treat it more like Pinot Noir than Syrah for example with more finesse and less of a heavy hand. The result is, for me, the most intriguing wine of the season. Light in color, medium in body, floral aromatically but powerful at the same time with a very solid backbone of tannin that will need some time to fully integrate. It behaved, stubbornly, like Pinot Noir does, while it was in barrel and has kept me guessing as to its true character ever since. In its youth, it will require air and time in a decanter or in your glass to reveal all that it has to offer but better yet, give it 3-5 years in bottle and I'm certain it will reward your patience.

*Tasting Note: Light ruby to garnet red in color. The nose is floral and lifted with fresh strawberries and sandalwood up front but a certain crushed stone minerality lurks in the background. High toned red fruits, raspberries and cherries dominate the mid-palate and then become enveloped in substantial, crunchy tannins. Despite its rather soft and inviting color and aroma, this wine is begging for some time in the bottle or at least in your glass before being drank.*

Only 100 cases produced  
100% Grenache  
100% Kimsey Vineyard  
14.5% alcohol  
3.67 pH  
5.78 g/L TA  
Retail Price: \$36.00