

2007 SONOMA VALLEY GRENACHE

VARIETALS 81% Grenache

10% Carignane 8% Petite Sirah

1% Alicante Bouchet

VINEYARD All grapes from the Mathis vineyard in the

hills above the town of Sonoma

HARVEST DATES September 24 through October 18, 2007

FERMENTATION Small (1.5 ton) Open Top fermentation with

3 punch downs daily. 100% native yeasts.

AGING 28 months in Neutral French Oak Barrels

(never will new oak touch this beautiful

wine.)

ACIDITY 5.8 grams/liter

pH 3.6

ALCOHOL 14.4%

PRODUCTION 880 cases

Yum! A killer vintage for my little vineyard. The 2007 Mathis has the hallmark Grenache aromas of dried sour black cherries, luxury strawberry jam, super ripe blackberries; a winsome fruit salad. Petite Sirah kicks in soft dense tannins and whiffs of fennel and white pepper. Ever the hipster, Carignane brightens up the acidity and brings a blue fruit note to the palate. Structurally, the '07 straddles the new and old world perfectly, pairing with pretty much any food: it's a beautiful wine to bring to your dinner table with its velvety richness.

Basically, it's happiness in a glass; the distillation of joy. At least that's how I think of it. Best served at 65 °F. To get the full blast of aromatics, aeration or decanting an hour or more before serving is highly recommended. -PM