



APPELLATION Sonoma Valley

Mathis Vineyard

ALCOHOL 14.8%

pH 3.6

TA 5.7 grams per liter

PRODUCTION 490 cases

# 2019 GRENACHE

Estate Grown

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2019 Grenache shows lovely balance and elegance, with sweet/tart fruit characters of ripe Bing cherries and blackberries. Aromas include bramble, white pepper and baking spices with a hint of juniper in the finish. Subtle, silky tannins make the wine pair well with a wide variety of foods, from a light salmon and vegetable grill, to a savoy lamb stew, and is an easy choice for restaurant servers to confidently recommend.

#### PRODUCTION NOTES

Excellent Spring rains led to healthy growth and near perfect vine balance in 2019. The absence of extreme heat events allowed for extended hang time and optimal maturity without loss of acidity.

Harvest of the Grenache cuvees were on September 24th and 25th and included small amounts of the interplanted varieties: Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet and Carignane. The fruit was destemmed, then left uncrushed to maximize fruit expression while holding tannins in check. Fermentation was in 5-ton open-top tanks using native, grape-borne yeast and 2 to 3 gentle pump-overs per day. Pressed at dryness after a 12-day ferment, the wine was aged in 60-gallon, neutral French oak barrels for 19 months prior to bottling.

The 2019 Grenache drinks superbly at release, with a finesse, concentration and balance that make it one of my all time favorite releases. The acidity and structure should allow it to age gracefully for years to come.

#### ABOUT MATHIS WINE

Mathis Wine is devoted to making small lots of handmade wines from the 5-acre Mathis Vineyard in the hills above the town of Sonoma. Predominantly Grenache Noir, the vineyard also includes Petite Sirah, Carignane and Alicante Bouschet.

### **ACCOLADES**

**BEST IN CLASS DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL** San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

92 POINTS Wine Enthusiast Magazine May 2023

96 POINTS **DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL** Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

**GOLD MEDAL** International Competition Grenache du Monde

"Medium garnet in the glass, this wine smells of strawberry jam and mulling spices. In the mouth, flavors of strawberry jam and dried herbs are wrapped in fleecy tannins. There's a lovely aromatic sweetness here, and enough acidity to keep things fresh, but this is definitely richer, higher octane Grenache, with hints of raisins in the finish." –Alder Yarrow, Vinography, August 2023