



**2011 GRENACHE**  
**Horse Heaven Hills, Washington**

**Vineyards**

Our third vintage of Grenache is comprised of fruit from two epic sites. Alder Ridge is situated 15 miles west of Patterson, Washington. This vineyard is set atop a series of arid, sandy loam soils with steep elevation shooting up nearly 1,000 feet above the Columbia River. The hot, dry landscape receives an average of just 5 inches of rain each year. This climate, combined with its steep, south facing slopes, is precisely what makes Alder Ridge a powerhouse. Upland Vineyard, located in the Snipes Mountain AVA, is managed by Todd Newhouse, one of the best growers in the business. Snipes Mountain is similar in temperature to Alder Ridge, but the soils are drastically different with layers of basalt and boulder-sized rocks. Surrounded by cobble walls, our Grenache block at Upland Vineyard is stunningly beautiful.

**Winemaking**

Both vineyards were hand harvested and whole cluster fermented at 20%. The remaining fruit was destemmed and placed into small, open-top 1.5-ton fermenters. Our style with this temperamental varietal is to create balance between viscosity, acid and pH to ensure beauty and boldness at the same time. This is accomplished by doing a mixture of punch-downs (mixing the skins with the juice), pump-overs (circulating the juice throughout the fermentation process) and delestages to aid in ideal extraction (done at 12-15 brix). Alder Ridge fruit was handled more aggressively in the cellar, whereas Upland was treated much more gently to let the vineyards really showcase themselves; Alder Ridge bringing the “muscle” and Upland providing the “beauty”. Both blocks went through primary fermentation for roughly 14-16 days and were then pressed to barrel on lees for six months, stirring every two weeks.

**Tasting Notes**

I must say, this is my favorite Grenache bottling to date. This wine has the perfect balance of fruit, tannins and stems while boasting raspberry, pomegranate, black licorice, black pepper, sweet tobacco, and a stony, chalky minerality. Often, Grenache can be overripe or too elegant, but this wine is balanced throughout. This is a texturally seamless wine that dances on your tongue with red fruits, a round mid-palate, and tight fine tannins that finish this lovely Rhone varietal. Enjoy!

**Technical Analysis**

*Appellation:* Horse Heaven Hills  
*Varietal Composition:* 100% Grenache: 86% Alder Ridge Vineyard—Block 34 and 14% Upland Vineyard, 20% whole cluster fermented  
*Harvest Date:* October 27, 2011  
*Alcohol:* 13.8%  
*pH:* 3.66  
*Total Acid:* .61g /100ml  
*Cooperages:* 100% Neutral French Oak, aged 22 months in oak.  
*Bottling Date:* June 20, 2013  
*Cases Bottled:* 77

**Price:** \$40



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