

GRAMERCY CELLARS



2016 THIRD MAN GRENACHE

COLUMBIA VALLEY



BLEND: 75% GRENACHE, 13% SYRAH,
12% MOURVÈDRE

VINEYARDS: OLSEN, ALDER RIDGE

AGING: 17 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH
OAK PUNCHEONS

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

WINERY RETAIL: 36

CASE PRODUCTION: 519 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: NOW - 2029

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 90 POINTS

JEB DUNNUCK: 90 POINTS

STEVEN TANZER: 91 POINTS

When we first started making Third Man, it would take us the same amount of time to blend this wine as every other wine combined. To begin, we always start with the basics, established in France a long time ago – 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. What does the wine need? Freshness and earth? Add Syrah. Meatiness and tannin? Add Mourvèdre. Mid palate and a little something extra? Carignan. We are not, however, wedded to this ratio. I can easily see a blend of 33% each Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre.

In 2012, we asked Olsen Vineyard to plant head trained (Gobelet) Grenache vines for us. This style of planting is the most prevalent in the world, dominates the great vineyards of the Southern Rhone and is proven to make remarkable Grenache. We are so excited for what this adds to The Third Man blend. This Grenache has shown exceptional quality level for a planting so young. In fact, we are already fermenting the block with 100% whole cluster. With the benefit of shading on the clusters to prevent sunburn and getting fruit closer to the ground, we achieve greater concentration of flavors and firmer structure in the grapes.

The 2016 Third Man is 75% Grenache, 13% Syrah, 12% Mourvèdre from Olsen and Alder Ridge Vineyards. The Alder Ridge Vineyard contributes power and structure, while the Olsen Vineyard lends elegance and grace to the blend. In 2015, the finished wine was 85% whole cluster. In 2016, we upped the stem percentage a bit to 90% whole cluster.

TASTING NOTES: CRANBERRY, RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, PLUM. BRIGHT, FRESH AND ALIVE IN THE GLASS. SOME WHITE PEPPER, SMOKE, MEAT, BLACK PEPPER, AND RED FLOWER. DENSE AND ELEGANT ON THE PALATE WITH FRESH ACIDITY. PROVENCE HERB, ROCK/MINERAL, BLACK AND BLUE FRUIT ON THE PALATE.

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