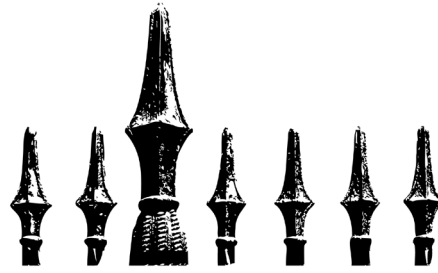


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2017 THIRD MAN GRENACHE

COLUMBIA VALLEY



BLEND: 75% GRENACHE, 15% SYRAH,
10% MOURVÈDRE

VINEYARD: OLSEN

AGING: 17 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH
OAK PUNCHEONS & STOCKINGER FOUFRE

ALCOHOL: 14.0%

WINERY RETAIL: 36

CASE PRODUCTION: 370 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2020 - 2030

STEVEN TANZER: 90 POINTS

WINE ADVOCATE: 90 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 91 POINTS

What more can I say about Olsen Vineyard? It's a fantastic source for Southern Rhône varieties. When I think about the wines we have made from the vineyard, it astounds me - Third Man, L'Idiot Mourvèdre, MTA Mourvèdre, MTA Grenache, MTA Syrah, MTA Syrah Blend. There are probably a few I've missed. Each vintage, we find something above and beyond. The 2017 Third Man is certainly above and beyond - perhaps our best to date.

The 2017 Third Man is 75% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre from Olsen Vineyard. Usually, this wine is a blend of Alder Ridge Vineyard, which contributes power and structure, and Olsen Vineyard, which lends elegance. However, in 2017, Olsen Vineyard made a complete wine. Going forward, when we can show a single vineyard bottling, we will. In 2017, the finished wine was fermented 75% whole cluster. We aged the wine in predominately neutral Stockinger foudre, a.k.a. really big barrels, with a small amount in 500-liter puncheons and small barrels.

TASTING NOTES: CRANBERRY, RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, PLUM. THIS WINE FINALLY HAS THE RED CHERRY COUGH DROP THING WE LOVE IN THE SOUTHERN RHÔNE. RED/BLACK/EARTH/FRUIT - EACH COMPONENT IN BALANCE. TAR, PURPLE FLOWER, WHITE PEPPER, BLACK OLIVE, GREEN PROVENCE HERBS, "THE GARRIGUE." INSANELY INTERESTING AROMATICALLY. I KEEP GOING BACK, AND ITS CHANGING AND OPENING. ACID IS FRESH AND FIRM. TANNINS FALL BETWEEN MEDIUM AND MEDIUM-PLUS. BALANCED ALCOHOL, EVEN AT 14%. BOTH EARTH AND FRUIT FLAVORS COVER THE PALATE. PROBABLY THE BEST WE HAVE EVER MADE.



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