

# GRAMERCY CELLARS



## 2018 "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:** 450 CASES

**DRINKING WINDOW:** 2021 - 2033

**OWEN BARGREEN:** 93 POINTS

We began our odyssey with Southern Rhône varieties in 2008. We never meant to make Grenache at all. We just wanted some Grenache to blend with our estate Tempranillo. However, after discovering Olsen Vineyard and their dedication to Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre, we knew many would someday consider the vineyard genuinely world-class.

It's difficult to say precisely where Olsen Vineyard is located. It's not one continuous vineyard; rather, numerous blocks spread over a few miles. We usually say the vineyard lies a few miles west of Red Mountain for people familiar with the area. The climate, however, is noticeably different. Red Mountain is hot and sun soaked. A break in the ridge joining Olsen Vineyard and Red Mountain creates a pressure system that gives Olsen more overcast skies and rainy days, with slightly cooler temperatures.

At Olsen Vineyard, we harvest Syrah and Mourvèdre within walking distance of each other. The main Grenache vineyard lies 4-5 miles west. Do we see a difference? It's tough to say, but each variety seems entirely at home in its specific area. We consider it the top site for Southern Rhône varieties in Washington State.

The 2018 Third Man is 75% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. In previous vintages, this wine was frequently a blend of Alder Ridge and Olsen Vineyards, however, we decided that Olsen Vineyard alone makes a more complete and interesting wine. In 2018, we fermented the wine 85% whole cluster with native yeasts, mostly in concrete. We aged the wine in predominately neutral Stockinger foudre, a.k.a. really big barrels, with a small amount in 500-liter puncheons and smaller barrels.

**TASTING NOTES:** SOME RED FRUIT, BUT THE NOSE LEANS TO MORE PURPLE AND BLACK FRUIT. TAR, PURPLE FLOWER, WHITE PEPPER, AND BLACK OLIVE. GREEN PROVENCE HERBS (THE GARRIGUE). MORE POWER THAN ELEGANCE WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR THIS WINE. 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.



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