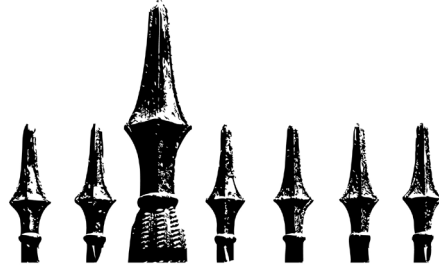


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2021 GRENACHE "THE THIRD MAN" COLUMBIA VALLEY



We began our odyssey with Southern Rhône varieties in 2008, but making a designated Grenache-based wine was never our intention. We just wanted Grenache to blend with our estate Tempranillo, as is almost mandatory in Spain. However, after discovering Olsen Vineyard and their dedication to Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre, we knew this vineyard could showcase a world-class Grenache-based blend.

We consider Olsen Vineyard the top site for Southern Rhône varieties in Washington State. Olsen isn't exactly one vineyard. Different varieties are grown in numerous small vineyards spread over a few miles. We harvest Syrah and Mourvèdre within walking distance of each other, but the Grenache vineyard lies 4-5 miles west. Standing in the Syrah and Mourvèdre section of Olsen, there is an amazing panorama of the vineyards of Red Mountain, about a mile away. 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. This enables a slow, gentle ripening which helps retain freshness and acidity while building flavor and complexity.

The French say Grenache begins to show its true potential once the vines are 20 years old. Our Grenache at Olsen is now in its young 20s; we see change and improvement every year. While the wines are always explosively fruity, we see more delicacy, earth, and complexity with each vintage.

The 2021 Third Man is 77% Grenache, 13% Mourvèdre, and 10% Syrah from Olsen Vineyard. We fermented the wine 66% whole cluster with native yeasts, mostly in concrete. The wine was aged for 21 months in neutral 500-liter puncheons.

TASTING NOTES: THE FRUIT PROFILE COMPRISES FRESH RED BERRIES: STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, AND BING CHERRY. BLACK AND WHITE PEPPERCORNS, SMOKED PORK, ASIAN SPICES, AND A HINT OF ORANGE ZEST. LAYERED, COMPLEX AROMATICS CHANGE QUICKLY WITH AIR AND TIME. GRENACHE IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE LEADER, BUT MOURVÈDRE AND SYRAH PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE PROFILE. ON THE PALATE, IT IS FULL-BODIED AND SMOOTH WITH NO HARD EDGES. ACID IS IN SYNC WITH PLUSH TANNINS. THOUGH FULL-BODIED, THE WINE RETAINS ITS RED FRUIT CORE AND EXUDES FRESHNESS.

BLEND: 77% GRENACHE, 13% MOURVÈDRE
10% SYRAH

VINEYARD: OLSEN

WHOLE CLUSTER: 66%

AGING: 21 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH
OAK PUNCHEONS

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

WINERY RETAIL: 48

CASE PRODUCTION: 465 CASES

DRINKING WINDOW: 2024 - 2039

OWEN BARGREEN: 95 POINTS

WINE ENTHUSIAST: 94 POINTS

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