GRAMERCY CELLARS A COLUMBIA VALLEY



Blend: 77% Grenache, 13% Mourvèdre 10% Syrah

VINEYARD: OLSEN

Whole Cluster: 66%

Aging: 21 months in neutral French Oak Puncheons

Ассонос: 14.5%

WINERY RETAIL: 48

Case Production: 465 Cases

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2039

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 varietals 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 sunsoaked. 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 8% 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: NOT AVAILABLE YET.

