

2015 GORGEOUS GRENACHE

Generous, vibrant and pure, our 2015 Grenache comes from Garnier Vineyard just outside of Mosier, Oregon on the banks of the mighty Columbia River in the Columbia Gorge. Wrought by the work of this regions' dramatic geologic history, the soil here is a shallow sandy loam with basalt protrusions and produces lively, energetic wines with distinction and personality.

Vineyard: Garnier

AVA: Columbia Gorge

Soil: Sandy loam with basalt

Harvest: September 2nd, 2015

Winemaking: 25% whole cluster fermentation

14 months in neutral oak

Finish Chemistry: 13.7% alc, 5.5 g/L TA and 3.58pH

TASTING NOTES:

Evocative and tensile our 2015 Grenache opens with lifted aromas of confectionary blue raspberry, black plum, apricot, iodine, rock dust and aromatic Darjeeling tea. This is a taut and mineral driven expression of Grenache with a cool edge that is floral and brambly with notes of gardenia, wild berries, white pepper and black salt licorice. We added 25% whole clusters and fermented in a small open top tank before nestling into neutral barrels for 15 months on light lees. The resulting palate is expressive, succulent and precise with a clean saline mineral finish. We think this has the right edge and line for great aging potential.