

Flavorscape

Unconstrained experimentation in the cellar has been happening for years. Skin contact white wines hiding in that corner. Perhaps Gamay Noir with carbonic maceration in the lone fermenter? Way in the back where no one can see, there are sparkling wines of varying extended disgorgement. These trials and experiences have been a continuing education allowing the creation of the refined Gran Moraine wines you know. **Come explore the Flavorscape universe.**

2024 GRENACHE

light and airy

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Grenache is the warm climate analog to Pinot noir. Lighter in color and tannins, difficult to grow, susceptible to disease, absolutely stunning when grown in the right environment and vinted by craftspeople with a light touch. I knew that if we were to do this The Rocks were the one place that would be compelling enough for us to put our collective efforts 100% into the project. The wine tastes like the rocks and funk of where it's grown and is obviously made with the light hand of a Pinot noir winemaker. It's delicious and compelling and has something to say. The Rocks Grenache is a natural extension of the Flavorscape. A way for me to kind of close a loop that started out by riding in those old 1970's Ford pickups during the summers of my childhood.

VINTAGE The 2024 vintage in Walla Walla was marked by extreme winter cold, but buried canes kept the vines safe. The rest of the season settled into the region's classic pattern of warm, dry summer days and a mild September.

AROMAS Lilac, strawberry, cinnamon, cherry fruit roll up, white pepper, tarragon, sunshine after spring rains, dandelion pollen

FLAVORS Tight red current, pink raspberries, fennel seed, thimble berries, ancient leather-bound book, lichen, cotton candy, yerba mate, green tea

TEXTURE Open fruit with some tightness of tannins up front, unfurls silkily across the mid palate with filigreed cherries and plumb. Squares upward and across while tightening up on a long structured red fruit and matcha finish

VARIETAL 100% Grenache

AGING 19 days on skins, 10 months in 50% new French oak

ALCOHOL 13.1%

VINEYARD Hallowed Stones, The Rocks AVA

WINEMAKING 30% whole cluster

TA 4.70 g/L **pH** 3.64

Gran Moraine wines shine a light on the monologue of the Gran Moraine Vineyard, lifting its voice and vibrant energy through a signature style of elegance and restraint, with a fresh through-line of acidity. A style that has established the winery as a leader in the Willamette Valley.

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