



2011 The Vicar
Grenache Mourvedre Syrah
Sonoma County

Following the great estates of Chateauneuf-du-Pape, we aged the Grenache in Concrete and the Syrah & Mourvedre in large barrels. This creates a textured, layered blend that is intense and powerful, but open and ready to drink.

70% Grenache

20% Mourvedre

10% Syrah

100% Mountain Terraces Vineyard

100% Whole Cluster Fermented

Sustainably Farmed

Planted in 2001 on volcanic Rhyolite at 1100

Aged in 3 500L Puncheons (1 new) and 1 concrete egg for 18 months

308 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

The 2011 Vicar is very pretty in this vintage. Less forced than the 2010, the 2011 impresses for its sweet, perfumed fruit and fine overall balance. Sweet red berries, crushed flowers, spices and mint are all framed nicely, while a perfumed finish laced with floral notes rounds things out in style. In 2011, the Vicar is 70% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre and 10% Syrah, all from the Mountain Terraces vineyard. I find better balance and cohesion in the 2011 than the 2010, perhaps because all the fruit came from just one site. The 2011 Vicar also happens to be great example of the vintage.