



2012 Grenache
Castelli-Knight Ranch
Russian River Valley

This small parcel was originally planted to Pinot Noir in 1999, but this steep western slope turned out to be a little too warm so we grafted it over to Grenache in 2003. Just a stones throw away from our favorite Syrah parcel, these vines share the same bright orange Haire-clay soil that has made the Castelli-Knight Ranch Syrah so spectacular. Up to now, this parcel has only played a supporting role in wines such as the 2004-2007 vintages of Cuve Moriah, the 2010 Vicar and the 2008 & 2009 Wind Gap Rana. It is with great satisfaction finally to bottle and release this wine on its own, for the first time and we only expect more incredible vintages of the Castelli-Knight Ranch Grenache to follow.

85% Grenache
15% Syrah
100% Whole-Cluster
18 month elevage in neutral French Oak
pH 3.8
14.8% abv
112 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

Cassis, dried rose, focused red fruits and black pepper dominate the aroma of this medium-bodied wine. Suave and silky, this is an incredibly drinkable wine that is loaded with fruit, distinctive Grenache spice and supple tannin.

91 pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, Feb. 2014)

91 pts (eRobertParker.com #216, Robert M. Parker, Jr., Dec. 2014)

92 pts (IWC, Stephen Tanzer, May 2014)