

2021 Grenache Alder Springs Vineyard Mendocino County

The incomparable Alder Springs Vineyard is one of California's most iconic vineyard sites. Perched high above the tiny northern California town of Laytonville, this patchwork of lieu-dits is more reminiscent of the great vineyards of the Rhone Valley than anything in California. Amongst all of the amazing Syrah and Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is a Gorgeous terraced block of Grenache called Spirit Rock Terraces, we vinify this wine every year, most years it is blended into the Vicar bottling and some years it is just too good to blend it away.

100% Grenache
100% Whole Cluster Fermented
Aged in neutral French Oak Barrels for 10 months
0% New Oak
Free SO2 – 10ppm
3.6 pH
13.0% Alc By Vol

Tasting Note:

Black Cherry and white flowers and loads of glorious spicy plum scented Grenache berry aromas and flavors make for a spellbindingly aromatic red wine. Full, luscious and spicy this wine emanates California sunshine and fine sandstone soil flavors. Firm tannins on the backend ensure some short term cellaring will be beneficial.