la Marea

2018 Grenache

Central Coast

Location: Blended from three sites on the Central Coast, one in San Benito County, one in Monterey County and one in Santa Clara County, our La Marea Grenache showcases a variety that we believe is tailor-made for the Central Coast. Grenache is drought tolerant, needs deficient soils to excel, and requires more sunshine than heat to ripen while maintaining acidity and balance. Soils in these vineyards range from calcareous clay to calcareous sandstone shale to granitic alluvium. In each instance, the vineyard shows a different shade of grenache which combine for a wine of depth and drinkability.

Winemaking: 30% whole cluster, spontaneous fermentation in open top tanks. Aged in neutral oak on lees for 18 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered

Tasting Note: Beautiful and bright representation showing the temperate, windswept coastal terroir which yields peak levels of ripeness, while maintaining low alcohol levels. Freshness, purity of fruit and an elegant, silky style. Aromas of layered red fruit framed by a chalky undertones. On the palate, acid leads, allowing bright red fruits, strawberries, cherries and raspberries to pop with a beam of minerality. Green anise and fennel appear on the finish to complement the persistent red fruit.

La Marea, (Spanish for "The Tide"), made by Ian Brand of Le P'tit Paysan, is a tiny winery focused on single vineyard Spanish varietals "rooted in the sea, the soil and the sea air". Brand believes Monterey and San Benito to be some of the most ideally suited climates in California for Spanish varietals like Albariño, Grenache (Garnacha) and Mourvedre (Monastrell). The proximity to the cool ocean waters Monterey Bay provides an optimal climate for Albarino while the warmer Monterey side canyons and San Benito Valleys closely resemble the Spanish regions where these grapes thrive. This region, once the site of a shallow ocean bed millions of years ago, is one of the few spots in California with a high percentage of limestone found in the soil.

210 cases made