

# 2018 GRENACHE

## JOHN SEBASTIANO

### STA. RITA HILLS

A lot of the Grenache world is pretty warm, if not hot. But here on the eastern edge of Sta. Rita Hills this varietal struggles to build sugar with the coastal wind that scours these slopes (so it's usually the last fruit we harvest). That allows us to develop color and flavor in the grapes while avoiding the high brix ripeness that tends to efface this grape's subtler charms. Instead we have something with knockout spicy fruit flavor, but with a feel more in tune with Pinot Noir than Syrah--and that's a great thing.

Still, this site's Grenache-ness is intense, with an earth-inflected fruity aroma that fills the glass like vapor. Imagine the scents that might greet a bartender muddling mixed berries (heavy on the raspberry) with a hit of kirsch, lavender and allspice--this expands outward, and that juicy berry medley fleshes out a supple, easy-going palate that closes with spicy tannin. It can be paired with most of what you can pair Pinot Noir with but also with things a bit rich for pinot, like pastor or jambalaya. Though all by itself is delicious too!

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**BLEND** 100% Grenache

**VINEYARDS** John Sebastiano Vineyard

**AVA** Sta. Rita Hills

**ALCOHOL** 13.0%

**VINIFICATION** open top fermentation with 13% whole clusters

**BARREL AGING** 14 months in neutral French oak

**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 190 Cases

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## PRESS REVIEWS

### Wine Advocate, Erin Brooks

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### Antonio Galloni's VINOUS

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