

STARFIELD

2022 Grenache



WINE PROFILE

GRAPE VARIETY:	100% Grenache
APPELLATION:	El Dorado AVA
VINEYARD:	Starfield Estate
VINES:	Planted 2013-2015
ALCOHOL:	14.9%
pH:	3.60
ACIDITY g/L:	6.02
BOTTLING DATE:	May 2024
PRODUCTION:	326 cases



Vineyard Notes

Our Grenache vines are planted at the top of the Starfield Estate at 2,400ft. because they thrive in warmer nighttime temperatures. In 2022, we had a warm year, and sugars increased quickly. We harvested our Grenache twice, once at 26°Brix and again at 28°Brix, building complexity between two levels of ripeness.

Fermentation & Aging

To balance this wine, we added water and acidified it to keep it fresh and light while retaining the bright red fruit flavors from the higher Brix pick. After a 48-hour cold soak, we started primary fermentation, which finished in 14 days. We then started malolactic fermentation and aged the wine in 16% new French oak for 18 months.

Winemaker Impressions

Our 2022 Grenache is a prime example of Starfield's El Dorado Grenache. It offers deep, fruit-forward flavors with notes of blueberry, strawberry, and hints of black fruits. The winemaking process adds subtle tobacco leaf, mountain lilac, and a touch of white pepper. This wine is easy to drink and perfect for enjoying chilled on a warm summer day.