



ESTABLISHED 1861

SKINNER

2019 EL DORADO GRENACHE

THE WINE

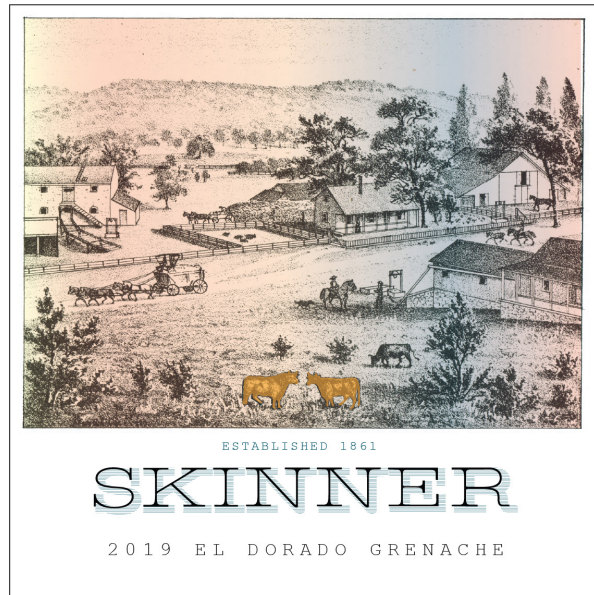
Grenache has all kinds of iterations, and is one of the most widely planted winegrape varieties in the world. Believed to have originated in Northern Spain before migrating to France, eventually finding a cozy home in Southern Rhône in the 19th century. Considered a late-ripening varietal, Grenache loves a warm, dry climate and rocky soils making El Dorado County a perfect fit! At Skinner, Grenache is a big part of our legacy and continues to be a major part of our production today.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Grenache is finicky - not wanting to be overwrought, nor does it like to be under-realized. Made up of numerous small lots and varying clonal material, picking at absolutely perfect ripeness is key. The fruit is meticulously hand-sorted ensuring gentle handling and careful tannin management. We employ significant amounts of whole cluster, and handle our native fermentations with the remontage technique; gentler on the berries, but aggressively more aerobic for the juice, encouraging high CO2 production which both protects and bolsters our aromatic profile.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 El Dorado Grenache gives us an opportunity to see a different side of our terroir. The nose is explosive with raspberry, citrus pith, and spiced oolong tea. Luxurious on the palate without being overweight, a continuing thread of raspberry, sweet cream, cranberry and granite. The tannins rest centrally on the palate, framed by a satisfying juiciness.



SUMMARY

VINTAGE

2019

APPELLATION

El Dorado

COMPOSITION

100% Grenache

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

CASES PRODUCED

500

ESTATE VINEYARDS

16% Green Valley Ranch
13% Stoney Creek Ranch

LOCAL VINEYARDS

16% Swansborough,
19% Fenaughty,
10% Baiocchi,
8% Starfield, 5% Sumu
Kaw, 5% Veerkamp,
5% Cedarville

ÉLEVAGE REGIMEN

10 Months sur lees:
22% New French Oak, 78%
Ntrl. French Oak