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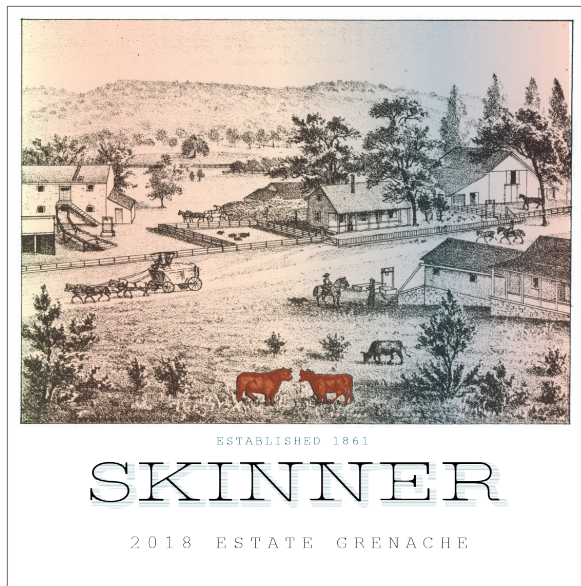
2018 ESTATE GRENACHE

THE WINE

Considered a late-ripening varietal, Grenache loves a warm, dry climate and rocky soils... El Dorado County is a perfect fit! Our Estate vineyards (Stoney Creek Ranch in Fair Play and Green Valley Ranch in Rescue) each bring something unique to the table—Stoney Creek brings sultry elegance and Green Valley brings the upright structure—and while small percentages of each of these sites makes the cut for our El Dorado Grenache, we hold back the lion’s share for this “Grand Cru” style offering.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Grenache is finicky - it does not like to be overwrought, nor does it like to be under-realized. Picking at absolutely perfect ripeness is key, followed by meticulous hand-sorting, gentle handling and careful tannin management. We employ significant amounts of whole cluster and handle our native fermentations with the remontage technique which both protects and bolsters our aromatic profile. Gently pressed, settled, and sent to barrel for 15 months.



TASTING NOTES

Our Estate Grenache perfectly defines the concept of “finesse”. A strikingly translucent garnet, true as ever to the varietal, giving way to a nose of hibiscus, cherries and cream, clove and candied orange peel. Electrifyingly juicy across the palate, building into layers of supple, persistent texture.

SUMMARY

VINTAGE
2018

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
13.5%

APPELLATION
El Dorado

CASES PRODUCED
143

COMPOSITION
100% Grenache

ESTATE VINEYARDS
85% Stoney Creek Ranch
15% Green Valley Ranch

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$60

ÉLEVAGE REGIMEN
15 Months sur lees:
38% New French Oak, 62%
Ntrl. French Oak