



ESTABLISHED 1861

SKINNER

2020 EL DORADO GRENACHE

THE WINE

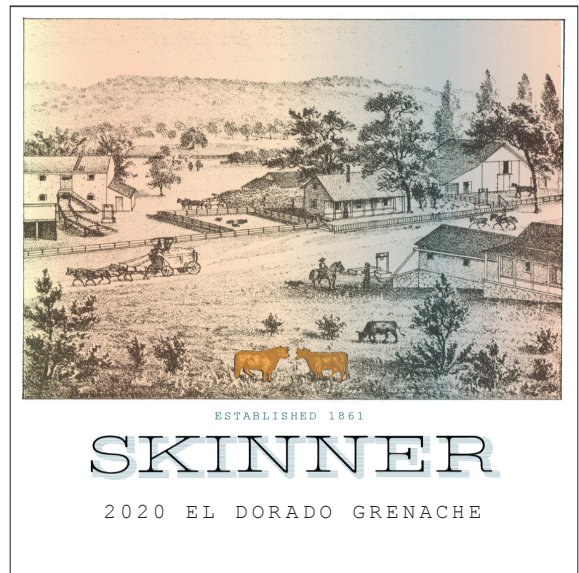
Grenache has all kinds of iterations, and is one of the most widely planted winegrape varieties in the world. Believed to have originated in Northern Spain before migrating to France, eventually finding a cozy home in Southern Rhone in the 19th century. Considered a late-ripening varietal, Grenache loves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

WINEMAKER NOTES

Made up of numerous small lots and varying clonal material, we want to produce a Grenache that is upright, poised and luscious, while embracing a little bit of Grenache's funky pizazz. 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 fermentation 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

This Grenache gives us an opportunity to see a different side of our terroir. The nose is explosive with raspberry, cranberry, orange peel and clove black 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	LEGACY VARIETIES
2020	100% Grenache
APPELLATION	ELEVAGE REGIMEN
El Dorado	10 months sur lees
	30% New French Oak,
	70% Neutral French Oak
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME	BOTTLED
13.5%	September 2021
CASES PRODUCED	
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