



BROPHY CLARK
2006 Grenache
ARROYO GRANDE VALLEY

VARIETAL	100% Grenache
APPELLATION	Arroyo Grande Valley
VINEYARD	Rancho Arroyo Grande
HARVEST	October 25, 2006
OAK AGING	14 months, 40% new oak
T.A.	5.9 g/L
PH	3.52
ALCOHOL	14.8%
BOTTLING DATE	December 18, 2007
PRODUCTION	391 cases

HARVEST

Vintage 2006 saw plentiful rainfall and cool temperatures all through the spring, delaying the growing season by three to four weeks. Following the sizable harvest of 2005, the vines produced a lighter crop this year. Temperatures throughout the summer and fall were moderate with no major heat spells, promoting a long hang time and a gradual, even ripening of the grapes.

VINEYARD

A former Spanish land grant, Rancho Arroyo Grande is tucked back in a canyon on High Mountain Road above Lopez Lake, in the rugged area east of the village of Arroyo Grande in San Luis Obispo County. The vineyard experiences warm temperatures by day, but cool conditions at night, making the area ideally suited for growing Rhône varietals. The clone grown here for our Grenache is the Grenache Noir clone, which produces a darker red wine than the traditional Grenache clone.

WINEMAKING

The Grenache grapes were hand harvested into half-ton bins and crushed into small temperature-controlled tanks. Following a one-day cold soak that promoted excellent extraction of color, aroma and flavor, the grapes were inoculated with D-254 yeast to initiate the primary fermentation. Additional extraction was achieved by pumping over the wine four times daily. After pressing, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels, including 40% new oak, where it aged for 14 months.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of red raspberry and pomegranate combine with hints of fuchsia, lychee and toasted oak. Medium-bodied on the palate, the wine features clean, bright flavors, including raspberry and boysenberry, which are supported by the right touch of natural acidity. The wine culminates in a round, lingering finish.