



### **2019 Grenache/Syrah/Mourvèdre, Helen's Gate Vineyard, Rutherford**

Our Grenache/Syrah/Mourvèdre is a celebration of the elegant and earthy side of this classic blend, where the Syrah is the "skin," the Grenache is the "flesh," and the Mourvèdre is the "skeleton."

The wine is a field blend and is co-fermented, so we don't have exact percentages of the blend, but it is roughly one-third Grenache, one-third Syrah, and one-third Mourvèdre. We planted the vineyard to be a field blend intending all of the fruit to be farmed and harvested together.

We made the wine 100% whole cluster fermented with a submerged cap. We pressed after approximately two weeks on the skins and aged the wine in neutral barrels for 10 months.

The wine was fermented with native yeast with no SO<sub>2</sub> until just a little bit at bottling. Unfined and unfiltered.

The pH is 3.93, the TA is 4.35 g/l, and the alcohol is 14.4%. 78 cases produced.

The Grenache/Syrah/Mourvèdre is earthy, with crunchy red plum, blackberry, tar, and black pepper. It has gorgeous tannins and texture.

### **The Vineyard**

The organically farmed Helen's Gate Vineyard is the home of Arthur Berliner and Marian Lever. It sits on an east-facing hill along Whitehall Lane in the Rutherford District of Napa Valley. We planted the vines for them in 2009. The vineyard is organically managed, and all farming done by hand (no tractors). The vines are surrounded by Marian's riotous plantings of flowers and fruit trees.