



Helen's Gate Vineyard Rutherford Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre

Our Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre is a celebration of the feminine and earthy side of this classic blend, where the Syrah is the "skin," the Grenache is the "flesh," and the Mourvedre is the "skeleton." We made a non-vintage blend, where the beautiful earthy characters and deep concentration of the 2013 wine dovetailed perfectly with the freshness and aromas of the young 2014 wine.

The wine 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 Mourvedre.

The wine is a non-vintage blend of 1 barrel of 2013 wine and 2 barrels of 2014 wine. We loved the combination of primary and secondary flavors that the non-vintage blend gave us. In both years the grapes were destemmed and crushed, and fermented in a open top bins. We did manual punch downs. We pressed after approximately two weeks on the skins, and aged the wine in neutral barrels for 20 months for the 2013 and 8 months for the 2014.

The pH is 3.81, the TA is 5.1 g/l, and the alcohol is 13.5 %. 69 cases were made.

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

The Vineyard

The 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 in 2009. The Vineyard is organically managed, with all farming done by hand (no tractors). The vines are surrounded by Marian's riotous plantings of flowers and fruit trees.