

2023 GRENACHE BLANC



KLINKER BRICK WINERY

Appellation

Lodi

Growing Philosophy

Grenache Blanc is a tangible example of the Klinker Brick philosophy to question, re-examine and challenge the status quo. In the pursuit of world class winemaking, we embrace the lessons of the past but are not shackled to old tradition. Our Grenache Blanc is a bold statement that at Klinker Brick, we let terroir and climate dictate production rather than consumer data and market trends.

Vineyard Highlights

Under the Sea Vineyard - The Under the Sea Vineyard is located in the San Joaquin Delta just west of Lodi. It was grafted from Pinot Gris to Grenache Blanc in 2011 by the Ripken family, who has a rich history of growing unique varieties in the Lodi region. Appropriately named, the “Under the Sea Vineyard” sits 13ft below sea level incredibly uncommon for the majority of vineyards, but ideal for growing varieties such as Grenache Blanc. This uniquely prized vineyard site produced the first wine in the history of Lodi to grace the Top 100 Wines of the World list in the Wine Spectator in 2020.

Vintage Notes

The 2023 vintage stands out as one of the most unique years in the Lodi record books. Unfolding over one of the lengthiest seasons in decades, our harvesting journey commenced in early August and extended gracefully until mid-November due to its remarkably mild climate and minimal heat spikes relative to previous years. The harmonious combination of a gentle climate and cool nights facilitated a much slower ripening process, ultimately contributing to an intensity of flavor and color concentration not seen in decades.

Winemaking

The grapes are whole cluster pressed, then fermented between 50- 53 degrees F in stainless steel tanks. With a cold and slow fermentation process that lasted up to 35 days we had the finished wine sit on its lees for an additional 21 days before racking to enhance the mouthfeel. Malolactic fermentation was not encouraged as to keep some crispness on the palate.

Taste

Most commonly found in Rhone wine blends, our Grenache Blanc exhibits aromas of lemon and Lychee on the nose. Crisp and bright on the palate with a hint of peach that leads into a silky smooth finish.



Vital Statistics

Production 1200 cases

Alcohol 13.8%

PH 2.84

TA 6.4 g/L

