

“ALOUETTE” GRENACHE 2025



APPELLATION

Adelaida District
Paso Robles

BLEND

78% Grenache
16% Mourvèdre
4% Terret Noir
1% Counoise
1% Cinsaut

TECHNICAL NOTES

13.5% Alcohol by Volume
2771 750 mL Bottle Cases
438 3L Boxes
160 5 gal Kegs

FOOD PAIRINGS

Roast pork loin
Spicy sausages
Charcuterie
Grilled vegetables
Mixed tapas

DETAILS

2025 is the third vintage of our Alouette Grenache, a chillable red featuring the highest-toned, palest, and juiciest lots of Grenache from the vintage. Alouette means “lark” in French, with both its English language meanings: the songbird, but also something done spontaneously, or for fun.

TASTING NOTES

A pretty, vibrant pale red. The nose is juicy and delightful, with aromas of chaparral, yellow plum, and sweet baking spices. On the palate, plum and dusty wild strawberry notes, complete with fruit, leaves, and flowers. The finish is juicy with refreshing acids and just a little tannic grip. Delicious.

PRODUCTION NOTES

In 2025, we had our second consecutive prolific and outstanding vintage for Grenache. We used it in all our blends, as usual, and made a lovely varietal Grenache that will be bottled and released in 2027. We also identified some of the highest-toned, palest, and juiciest lots of Grenache from the 2025 vintage that we believed would be perfect for chilled, near-term drinking and supplemented these with the highest-toned lots of a few of our other red Rhône grapes. The lots for *Alouette* were aged in stainless steel tanks until bottling, boxing, and keging in May 2026.

Our grapes for this *Alouette* bottling were grown on our biodynamic and Regenerative Organic Certified® estate vineyard.

The 2024-25 winter began dry but finished wet, with two-thirds of the winter’s precipitation coming in February and March. That late rain delayed budbreak and allowed us to dodge any spring frosts. The summer was warm but rarely hot, with the fewest 100° days since 2011. Harvest began at a normal time frame, but cool temperatures in September and October slowed down harvest. We navigated two early rain events without damage and finished an extended but unhurried harvest in early November. The exceptionally long hangtime and gradual ripening combined to produce fruit with remarkable intensity and noteworthy vibrancy. We believe 2025 has all the hallmarks of a blockbuster year.

CERTIFICATIONS

Vineyard: California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), Demeter Certified Biodynamic®, Regenerative Organic Certified® (ROC™)

Wine: California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), Regenerative Organic Certified® (ROC™)

