



2021 El Jabali Grenache

Production Insights

Who We Are

Alma Rosa is deeply rooted in the winemaking history of the Santa Rosa Hills in the southern sector of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Here, growing conditions combine sunshine with the powerful cooling influence of onshore winds and fog from the Pacific Ocean. The unique geography, chilly climate, and clay-loam soils attracted Richard Sanford to this area in the early 70s where he pioneered Pinot Noir in Santa Barbara County. Growing consistently balanced wines through sustainable farming is part of the enduring legacy of our founder Richard Sanford.

Vineyard

- 100% El Jabali Vineyard
- 92% Grenache, 8% Syrah

Vintage Notes

2021 was a near-perfect vintage in the Sta. Rita Hills. Mild and steady weather throughout the spring and summer allowed grapes to develop slowly with small berries and clusters. With only one pre-season rainfall, daily marine breezes from the Pacific Ocean just 10 miles away, and no extreme weather events, conditions were ideal for producing fruit of incredible quality, concentration and character.

Winemaking

- 30% whole cluster, co-fermented
- Cold soak for six days, followed by fermentation that lasted until February
- Fermented in one-ton bins, 1/2 Inoculated, 1/2 natural yeast
- Free run and press-blended in tank and barreled in 50% new French oak and allowed to go through natural malolactic fermentation
- Wine was racked once in May and was aged in barrels until mid-December, for a total of 14 months in 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered

Tasting Notes

Alma Rosa's estate vineyard, El Jabali, was originally planted in 1983 by Richard Sanford. The 2021 Alma Rosa El Jabali Grenache is the second-ever 100% estate-grown Grenache to come from Alma Rosa's estate. The fruit was harvested from the coolest, highest-elevation vineyard at the estate and features concentrated yet delicate fruit flavors. A mesmerizing red ruby hue in the glass, this wine gracefully unfurls in the glass, revealing a luscious opulence. The bouquet enchants with a symphony of violets and lilacs, red licorice, rhubarb, hints of orange peel, succulent strawberries, leather, cherries and cooling mint. On the palate, the 2021 El Jabali Grenache delivers flavorful burst of concentrated, juicy red fruit, vibrant acidity and velvety tannins.

