

2020 Aviatrix Grenache

Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

We are so excited to bring back Aviatrix Grenache for its fourth vintage. Grenache has been our signature wine for Aviatrix since the brand launched in 2016. We have produced Grenache from a variety of different vineyard sites over the years, always searching for the best quality fruit while still keeping our elegant, light-medium weight style in mind. In 2020, Santa Ynez was one of the only areas in California that was not affected by smoke taint from the wildfires that year – we were thrilled to get this beautiful fruit and be able to produce a 2020 vintage of Aviatrix Grenache.

Just the Facts:

Blend: 100% Grenache

AVA: Santa Ynez - Stolpman Vineyard

Harvest date: 10/20/20

Some Chemistry: 13.9% alc. T.A. 5.7, pH 3.47 100% French oak barrels 30% new, for 15 months

Bottling date: January 12, 2022 Release date: August 2, 2023

Production: 250 cases

Tasting Notes: 2020 Aviatrix Grenache (tasted 6/20/23 by Heidi)

Light ruby in color, this Grenache opens with bright aromas of cherry, cranberry, and red plums, with nuances of cedar and a touch of sweet tobacco leaf. On the palate, it's energetic, lush and juicy, bursting with flavor that hints at Campari and cherry tart. With silky texture, nice balance and good length, Aviatrix Grenache is versatile and easy to love – a bit reminiscent of a Rhone wine (Châteauneuf-du-Pape specifically). The lightest red in our lineup, it can be served at room temp or even slightly chilled to enjoy during the late summer heat.

Aviatrix wines are dedicated to the intrepid women throughout the history of aviation, who surpass society's expectations and limitations to soar to new heights. An 'Aviatrix' is a female aviator – Heidi is a helicopter pilot as well as a winemaker. We are proud to offer this meaningful wine and carry on family tradition with our mother-daughter winemaking collaboration. In addition to this Grenache, we currently have a Blanc-de-Noir sparkling wine available through Aviatrix, as well as our line of La Sirena wines. Production is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence. We hope Aviatrix will inspire you to soar!

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