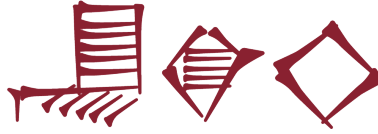
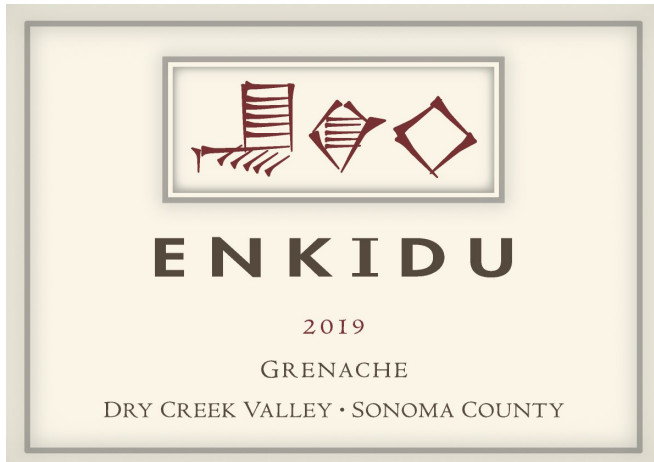


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## 2019 Dry Creek Valley - Sonoma Valley Grenache



### What we think:

Wonderful aromas of crushed red and blue fruit and a thread of Provençal herbs. These aromas translate to the wine, which has a bright, energetic plum skin zest. It then builds from there with some structure as the tannins kick in. It's elegant with a grip! More Southern Rhone in style than many Grenache bottlings from California. This complex wine can be enjoyed with a meal that features a little sweetness and tang, or appetizers featuring cured meats like Prosciutto or Serrano, sundried tomatoes, and some Fontina or other floral cheese. Expect to improve for another 8 years.

Harvest: October 1, 2019

Brix: 25.3°-26°

Clones: Alban

pH: 3.49

T.A.: 6.43gms/L

Cooperage: French Oak, 100% neutral

Bottled: March 25, 2021

50 Cases Produced

### Place and vine:

Our 2019 Grenache is sourced from two of Sonoma Counties greatest AVA's, Sonoma and Dry Creek Valleys. Though both get ample sun, Dry Creek tends to run much warmer to which Grenache is well suited. I teamed up with a colleague, Michael Scorsone to source the Alban clone from his vineyard. In the cooler Sonoma Valley we have a relationship with Jesus Ceja, brother of our landlord, Armando. His vineyard is situated toward the bottom of the valley and tends to require more hang time, which of course we love for the creation of more complex flavors.

### What we did:

As with our Pinots, we add whole clusters to the destemmed whole berry fruit, in this case 20%. The whole cluster adds verve to a red wine, a general course of spine that winds its way from the first impression to the finish. The fruit then underwent a four-day cold soak, involving a twice daily gentle pump over of the juice. Once native fermentation began, we punched down twice daily until fermentation was complete. After a 7-day extended maceration, we pressed to French oak barrels, 100% neutral. Before bottling, we racked only one time. After selecting specific barrels we bottled after 17 months with minimal filtration.