

QUPE

A Modern Stone Age Winery

2011 GRENACHE
SAWYER LINDQUIST VINEYARD
EDNA VALLEY



NOTES This young vineyard is showing the tremendous potential for Grenache and works well with the style of Grenache I like to make, spicy with wild cherry and hints of fresh herbs frame the aromas. The flavors follow in the same vein with the savory fruit notes and balanced alcohol. It is difficult for me to predict ageability on this wine but I'm confident it will benefit from a good 8-10 years in the cellar.

VINEYARDS This wine is 87% Grenache and 13% Syrah from grapes grown at the Sawyer Lindquist Vineyard in the cool Edna Valley. In 2009 we certified the vineyard and winery under the Demeter guidelines for biodynamic farming and winemaking and this wine carries the Demeter stamp.

WINEMAKING The Grenache portion of this wine is 73% Alban clone and 27% Tablas clones. The Syrah portion is from neutral barrels that were selected for our single vineyard Syrah bottling. A little over half of the Grenache was fermented with 33% whole clusters which adds a definite layer of spice and tannin and gives more complexity as the wine ages. All of the Grenache was aged in neutral French oak, on the lees, for 17 months. The Syrah was blended in to the wine just before bottling. 24 barrels, just under 600 cases were bottled at the end of December 2012.

BOB LINDQUIST, WINEMAKER

ALCOHOL: 13.5%