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*Cool Climate Rhône Wines That Express Place & Vintage*

## 2011 Grenache, Saralee's Vineyard, Russian River Valley

### Release Notes

While Grenache is thought of as a warm climate varietal, from the Southern Rhone of France, I am fond of the results that a cooler climate imparts. The Grenache is from the highly regarded Saralee's Vineyard, one of the region's oldest growers. Growing conditions are much less warm than the southern Rhone, but have an longer hang time, cool nights in the mid fifties and fog, allowing for flavor ripeness, at the same time maintaining high acidity, something Grenache isn't always known for.

Grenache, when grown in a cool climate, often shares attributes with Pinot Noir – where in this vineyard its grown right next to. The Grenache is light in color, which is natural to the varietal. The 2011 vintage was one of the most challenging in decades for Russian River, cold, reduced sunlight, late ripening and mildew and rain pressure made it a nail biting harvest, but the end result was worth the hard work and perseverance. This is the only Saralee's Vineyard designate, Grenache, made, enjoy!



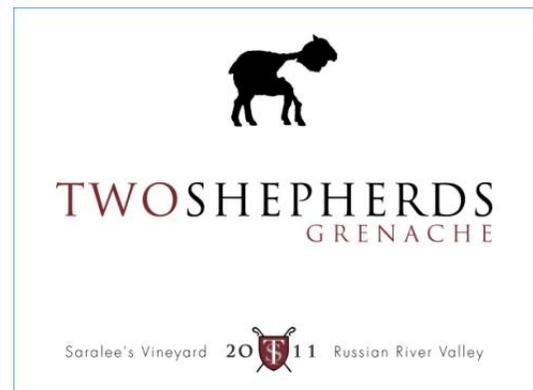
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This is a Grenache made for Pinot Noir, cool climate aficionados, with vibrant acid, good structure, and an array of bright red fruit. This wine is young, and will gain complexity with bottle time, as it matures and softens. It's enjoyable now while spritely, or easily cellared for 5 years. Open and consume right away, or decant it for 30 minutes.

Bright, clear, cranberry in color. The nose is the essence of strawberry, red fruits. In the mouth, its full of strawberry, cranberry, black tea, and modest structure and a lingering finish.

### Technical Notes

- Release date: March 9, 2013
- Varietal: 100% Grenache
- Vineyard: Saralee's Vineyard, Russian River Valley.
- Harvest Date: 10/19/2011
- Brix at harvest: 23.2
- pH 3.6, T.A. 0.59 g/100mL
- Alcohol: 13.7
- Fermentation – small open top bins, 15% whole cluster.
- Aging: 10 months in neutral French oak
- Case Production: Sixty cases
- Suggested Retail: \$35 available online, the winery & at select Bay Area wine shops and restaurants
- Winemaker: William Allen



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