

The Storm Cellar

VINEYARD + WINERY
Hotchkiss, Colorado

GRENACHE BLANC

ONX Vineyard
Templeton Gap District, California
2021

TECH

pH – 3.21
TA – 6.3 G/L
Alcohol – 13%
RS – 0.4 g/L
Production – 204 cases

WINEMAKING

We worked closely with our friends at Emery Cellars to obtain the Grenache Blanc grapes for this 100% varietal expression. The hand-harvested grapes were whole-cluster-pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. Once we received the post-primary wine at our winery, we further aged and bottled it here at The Storm Cellar. We took the time to stir the fine lees, to give the wine a richer texture and more complex notes.

THE GRAPE

Mostly grown in the regions of Spain and Southern France, Grenache Blanc is the white mutation of the red grape Grenache Noir. It is usually blended with its heat-loving companions, Marsanne, Roussanne, and Viognier, but when grown in an exceptional site, such as the ONX Vineyard, within the Templeton Gap District, it can produce a world-class varietal expression of the grape. Grenache Blanc has a natural tendency to lose its acidity if over-cropped or grown with too much heat, which is why this cooler subregion of Paso Robles is perfectly suited to produce a crisp and lively version.

TASTING NOTES

Lean, serious, and dry, this Grenache Blanc shows citrusy and herbaceous notes, supported by delicate aromas of freshly baked bread, lime zest, and honeydew melon, with a crisp, mineral-driven finish. It's a versatile food-pairing wine and shines as a stand-alone sipper.

RECOGNITION

Our 2021 Grenache Blanc was awarded a silver medal in both the 2022 San Francisco International Wine Competition and the 2022 Jefferson Cup Invitational.

