

ELIZABETH SPENCER WINERY

Elizabeth Pressler and Spencer Graham are a husband-wife team who have been making wine together since 1998. Sourcing fruit from a handful of dedicated growers and a dozen vineyard blocks both Elizabeth and Spencer carefully monitor the annual growing cycle and fruit development through to harvest. "Our growers provide us with continuity of high-quality fruit, and we pay them fairly and reliably, in vintages of scarcity and excess."



In an era of corporate grape contracts, their long-term agreements consist simply of mutual high regard and a handshake. These are wines that capture the soul of California.

Believing that the best wine is made from superior grapes, Elizabeth Spencer makes Cabernet Sauvignon from select vineyards in the Napa Valley. The Pinot Noir and Chardonnay come from the Sonoma Coast appellation. Vinifying wine in small individual lots, in 2005, they produced very small quantities of Mendocino Sauvignon Blanc from CCOF Organically Certified vineyards and a carbon neutral winery. Made to be accessible in youth, their wines display ample fruit and are well-balanced from the first impression through to the finish.

Norma Gibson, the grower of our Sauvignon Blanc from Mendocino County. First planted in late 1970's, the vineyard sits on Talmadge Bench just east of Ukiah. A portion of the vineyard is dedicated to free-standing, head-pruned vines and the rest is planted in classic vine rows with an overhead trellis system. This vineyard has been farmed organically since 2001. Our back label carries the official CCOF seal which is the guarantee to our customers that the grapes were grown to the exacting standards set forward by the National Organic Program.

Grenache



Varietal/Blend: Grenache

Farming Practices: sustainable

Soil: varied

Vine Training: Guyot

Harvest Technique: by hand

Year Vines Were Planted: varied

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: separate lots are de-stemmed / 15-day fermentation beginning in both neutral oak and stainless steel / blended 2 months before bottling

Malolactic: yes

Maturation: 94% neutral French oak / 6% new

Vegan: yes

Alcohol: 14.1%

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Country: California

Region: Mendocino

Vineyard: 2 vineyards 3 miles apart

"This grenache delivers exotic and alluring aromas of fresh raspberries and orange peel. The wine is lively and light on the palate, with an acidity that refreshes and supports the fruit flavors from the front to the back. Black cherry, strawberry, and a subtle zestiness linger on the finish. Serve slightly chilled on a warm summer evening or pair with your favorite fall dishes."

Winemaker's notes