

# CINNABAR

WINERY

**GSM 20**  
**California 18**

## The Taste & Aromas

This extroverted wine engages with ripe black fruits, pepper and herbs that fills the aroma. Rich with dark plums, black currants, and smoked meat flavors. The tannins in this wine, coat your mouth, giving the impression of a lot more to come. Well-seasoned oak along with ample acidity finish off on this well portioned wine.

## The Science



**Alcohol**  
14.5%

**pH**  
3.56

**Acidity**  
0.62g/100ml

**Varietal Content**  
50% Grenache  
33% Syrah  
17% Mourvèdre

**Vineyards**  
Morro View, Spanish  
Springs, Sandy Lane

**Stats**  
134 cases produced  
Harvested Sept. 4-18, 2018  
Released February 12, 2021  
Age 5-7 years

## The Magic



- 2-3 days cold soak
- Fermented 10-12 days in open-top fermenters
- Fermented warm to 85 degrees
- Punched down 2-3 times daily to ensure complete fermentation
- Aged for 18 months in French oak

## The Alchemists

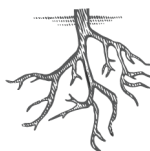
George Troquato, *Winemaker* & Alejandro Aldama, *Cellar Master*

## The Grape



Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre are the three grape varieties used in GSM blends, which are commonly blended together in the Rhone Valley in the South of France. Grenache adds acidity and bright fruit aromas. Syrah imparts aromas of violets and carnations, and gives wine structure. Mourvèdre adds dark fruit flavors such as blackberry, as well as a gamy, earthy quality.

## The Land



The Grenache and Syrah are grown in the Edna Valley, in San Luis Obispo County, within 10 miles of the Pacific Ocean. The region experiences cool days and nights. Rocky, shale soils allow the grapes to fully mature from ample hang time. The Mourvèdre is grown in the town of Oakley, in Contra Costa County, and was planted in extremely sandy soils by Portuguese immigrants more than 100 years ago.

## The Season

In 2018, rainfall was more than adequate, allowing the vines to fully recover from the 5 year drought cycle. Temperatures were perfect throughout the year. This was truly a winemakers ideal growing season, producing grapes that were fully ripe, long hang times with above-average crop size. Given these conditions, 2018 was an excellent vintage.

