

2021 GRENACHE CLONE 362

90 CASES PRODUCED

About Kaena Wine Company

Kaena was launched in 2001 to showcase owner and winemaker Mikael's deep passion for winemaking, especially using his favorite varietal Grenache. Mikael who is part Hawaiian and raised on the Oahu shores, uses a shortened version of his given name for the brand – Kaena – which means "potential for greatness". That "greatness" is evident in the wines – in 2006 Wine Spectator named Mikael one of the top 10 new Rhone producers. Known affectionately by his peers and fans as The Grenache King – Kaena produces 5000 cases of Rhone & other varietals with an emphasis on Grenache.

Vineyard

• Tierra Alta Vineyard, Ballard Canyon

Winemaking

The 2021 vintage proved to be a great one with perfectly balanced weather allowing Grenache long hang-time to ripen perfectly. Clone 362 is the lowest yielding clone from Chateau Neuf du Pape, with its dark skin and small berries planted on a steep limestone laden hillside at 1400-foot elevation. The wine was aged for 22 months in 300L seasoned AP John barrels made in Australia.

Tasting Notes

Bright aromas of raspberry, pomegranate, and blueberry, along with rich scents of red licorice, sandalwood, vanilla, and cherry cola. Bold juicy flavors of raspberry, grenadine, and olallieberry, transition to a lush core packed with ripe cherry, cola, herbs de Provence, red licorice, bakers spice, and mineral. The wine finishes with long lasting juicy tannins. The beautiful Grenache drinks amazing now but will age gracefully for 10 plus year.

