



**2023 Cochon Grenache, Mathis Vineyard, Sonoma Valley
(125 Cases Produced) (90% Grenache, 10% Carignane)**

Vineyard: Situated at the base of Moon Mountain in the rolling hills above the town of Sonoma is the 7.5-acre Mathis Vineyard. Planted in 1999 to mostly Grenache, the rare clones of 513 and 515 and a small amount of Carignane. The vines are deeply rooted on a gentle rolling south facing slope in the areas famous red, rocky volcanic soils. These complex soils combined with the cooling influence of the San Francisco Bay, visible from the vineyard produce extremely low yielding intensely flavored fruit. Owned and farmed by Peter Mathis, the vineyard is a true passion project and one of the most unique sites in Sonoma County for Grenache. We were thrilled at the chance to work with some of this rare and special fruit from this amazing site.

Winemaking: The Grenache and Carignane were fully ripe and full of flavor the second week of October and we brought the grapes to the winery in the early morning. We left 50% of the fruit whole cluster and de-stemmed the remaining 50% which was combined into a small open top tank for cold soak and co-fermentation using only native yeasts. The grapes were punched down by hand twice a day for a period of two weeks. The wine was then gently basket-pressed and transferred to a mix of seasoned 300L French oak Hogsheads, and 500L Puncheons, for malo-lactic fermentation and aging for 18 months on the lees, then racked and blended before being bottled unfiltered.

The Wine: Showing a bright, ruby-purple color with intense aromas of ripe, black cherries, boysenberry, wild plum and hints of violet and Provencal-herbs with the Carignane adding a peppery complexity. The flavors follow the aromas with lively acid, and a beam of black cherry fruit, silky texture medium-bodied with a balanced tension that is both seductive and lively. The finish is pure and full of fruit and spices and the dusty tannins that provide structure and depth,

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