

2021

GRENACHE BLANC

PARAGON VINEYARD, EDNA VALLEY

108 Cases | Bottled February 2, 2022

Suggested Retail: \$28

STEPHEN ROSS



VINEYARD

The Edna Valley is located on the South Central Coast of California next to the town of San Luis Obispo. The valley spans in a northeast-southwest orientation and is open at the Pacific Ocean to the West; it lies in Southern California at 34 degrees latitude and receives an abundance of light from a “directly overhead” sun. The climate is strongly influenced by regular summer-time afternoon cool breezes coming from the Pacific Ocean. This is a unique climate of cool air temperature and intense sunlight.

VINTAGE

The 2021 Vintage – In a word “Epic”. We started the growing season with a very dry winter, only 11” of rain and most of the rain came during a late January four-day rainstorm dropping 7” of water. In general, the growing season was cool. Apart from one warm day on June 16 when the temperature rose to 105 degrees F, there were no other heat spikes during the year. The mild temperatures continued through harvest in September and October, which opened the stretch of time for picking at optimal maturity. This was a late harvest with long hang time yielding wines with concentrated flavors and high acids.

WINEMAKING

This Grenache Blanc was whole cluster pressed with the juice chilled and settled overnight. It was fermented cold (62 °F) in stainless steel, aged cold in a stainless steel tank sur lies, and received a polish filtration before bottling.

Vineyard:

Paragon Vineyard, Edna Valley. Planted in 2007.

Clone 141 (Languedoc, France).

Harvest:

October 23, 2021. Harvested by hand.

Grape Analysis:

19.1 °Brix, 8.9 T.A., 3.27 pH.

Fermentation:

Fermented in Stainless Steel at 62°F.

No malolactic fermentation.

Aging:

Aged in Stainless steel.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
12.5%	3.51	5.47 g/L



TASTING NOTES

Look at that pretty color, quite pale-white, or Blanc. Honeysuckle, floral, tropical ocean breeze, fresh aromas. The palate is crisp, light body, sugar pea and lime flavors, slightly spritzy on the finish. It's a delicious, light, and flavorful, low acid wine... very refreshing.