

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2001 Grenache

Paso Robles

The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. At nearly 2000 feet in elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

The Wine

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2001 Grenache was born in the vineyard surrounding the winery and is a blend of Grenache grapes from our Estate planting and from a small planting East of Paso Robles.

This spicy wine is more full-bodied than most California Grenache offerings we've tried. Mildly tannic and complex, this medium-bodied wine will complement some hearty fare such as Rack of Lamb, filet mignon, and venison sausage. Avoid pairing with very spicy fare (cracked pepper roast, etc.) We are confident that you'll find this to be our best Grenache yet. Although the wine is showing nicely now, don't be afraid to cellar this wine for another year or two.

The Blend

80% Grenache; 20% Syrah

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2001 Vintage

50% "Eastside"

30% Estate

20% Gill Vineyard (Syrah)

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 26.1 Brix; TA: 0.62 gm./100mL; pH: 3.54

Finished Wine EtOH: 15.1% By Vol.

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 8 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. This wine was racked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity. Aged in one to three year-old American Oak barrels until it racked, filtered and bottled *unfined* on August 27, 2003.

The 2001 Vintage yielded only **10 Barrels**.

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