



#### **A Tribute to Grace Grenache, Hofer Vineyard 2014**

Harvest date: August 22, 2014

Total Production: 189 cases

Varietal: 100% Grenache

Alcohol: 14.1% abv

Finishing pH: 3.49

This vineyard represents the second expression in what I call the Grandfather series. Vineyards harking back to days of olde, where vines were planted in their most natural form: own-rooted, head-trained, wide enough spacing to easily pick into wooden boxes...and organic since day dot. Hofer Ranch was planted in the pre-Prohibition days when Cucamonga Valley was a bastion of grape farming. "It took a lot of acres to raise a family" says current steward Paul Hofer, whose Grandfather planted the vineyard. It was 960 acres in its heyday, and now just 6 acres remain. Planted in sand, a root structure 35 feet deep, surrounded by ancient Eucalyptus and Pink Peppercorn trees; this is one of the most remarkable vineyards I have ever seen. Abutting the Ontario Airport...

50% whole-cluster fermentation, aged in neutral barrique for 17 months. Bottled in flint to highlight the incredible shade of ruby these old vines produce.

This wine was bottled under an Aquarius moon: February 9th, 2016