



# 2019 Before Anyone Else

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Alcohol label %: 14.1 | Drink starting in: 2021 | ending in: 2040

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## Growing Conditions

2019 is the best vintage that we have seen on the westside of Paso Robles in a decade! The season started with above average rainfall (33" at the MAHA, average is 26"). A cool windy spring made for a lighter than average set on most grapes, especially Grenache. Only one day reached 100 degrees with no real sustained heat spells. The long temperate growing season also allowed for sugar and acid to develop in unity. During times of extreme heat the sugars can accelerate at a higher rate than the precipitation of the acid. This made for near perfect ripening and maturation for the grapes until harvest.

## Winemaking

Lightly pressed into a selection of French and Hungarian barrels (45% new) for native yeast fermentation. Batonage (lees stirring) several times a week for texture and allowed to complete natural malolactic fermentation in barrel. Aged for 22 months.

