

Sans Liege Wines  
**EN GEDI**



## TECHNICAL INFO

**VINTAGE:** 2015

**VARIETAL:** Grenache

**APPELLATION:** Santa Barbara County

**VINEYARDS:** Santa Barbara Highlands - Alta Mesa

**ALC:** 15.4%

**PRODUCTION:** 8 barrels

**OAK:** 60% neutral french barriques, 40% new french puncheons

**TIME IN BARREL:** 21 months in French Oak

**AGING POTENTIAL:** 6-10 years

**RELEASE DATE:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**SERVING RECOMMENDATION:** Decant 2 hours, serve slightly above cellar temperature (55-60F)

*Far above the desert of the Cuyama Valley lies a lush and verdant vineyard, set like the oasis of En Gedi amid the dry Judean Desert. With peculiar grace, the unlikely Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard delivers incomparably profound Grenache vintage after vintage. I am indebted to this place for showing me that the only way to ascend is by climbing from below.*

## ABOUT SANS LIEGE

Sans Liege is my relentless search for independence. Equally aligned with the freedoms of the New World and the heritage of the Rhône Valley, I am careful not to hold too closely to either. Tending fruit in vineyards that have captured my heart from Paso Robles down to Solvang, these sites speak for me and I for them; the only partners now on this path I tread.

*- Curt Schalchlin, Winemaker*

## TASTING NOTES

It seems as if you've been walking for days. You check your notebook and assure yourself that you have followed the directions "past the wild growing **raspberries and sage** bushes, then through the field of **lavender**." Pausing now to note your location with your **graphite pencil** and completely ready to give up, you smell a combination of **baking cocoa, clove & vanilla**. You look up and there it is in the distance - a secret cottage at the edge of the woods. The scents are so familiar; you know she's there.