

2007 GRENACHE

First things first.

Groundwork is all about the fundamentals. Putting to use the empirical knowledge he has gained from making wine for his first label, Sans Liege Wines, Curt Schalchlin seeks to bring his experience to a new set of wines that embrace the soul and simple living of the Rhone. Groundwork is built upon Curt's comfort and confidence as a winemaker, instructing him to trust in the fruit, the vineyards, and his own rich experience as guides.



An impossibly well balanced and dexterous effort, 2007 Groundwork Grenache is the culmination of years of dedicated and inspired winemaking. Rich with aromas of molé, blackberry, mincemeat, red clay, Rainier cherry and cinnamon it never loses its wonderful integration of fruit, acidity and structure. The complex palate shows remarkable depth and focus with papaya, peppermint patty, black pepper, warm tar and almond bark. Groundwork is a wine of overall elegance and finesse.

THE FACTS

Varietals: 90% Grenache, 10% Syrah

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Vineyards: Santa Barbara Highlands, Watch Hill and Thompson

Alc: 15.3%

Production: 450 cases

Oak: 10% new French, 50% 2 year-old French, 40% neutral French

Release Date: April 26, 2010

Aging Potential: 3-4 years

Serving Recommendations: Splash decant and enjoy with friends

OVERVIEW

Not a fruit bomb

(focused on balance not on power)

Food friendly

(won't overpower food or hurt your mouth)

Approachable by everyone

(wine nerds and novices will get it)

Second Label of Sans Liege

GROUNDWORK

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