

# 2012 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.



A testament to the elegant and evocative potential of Central Coast Grenache, the 2012 Groundwork Grenache is dark and focused like a foray through some ancient medieval wood. Scents of **mountain strawberry**, **black licorice**, lingon berry, **ginger snaps** and broiled cherry draw you through to a robust and abundant palate of fresh picked **blackberry**, **soft moss**, **rosemary** and clove dust with structured tannins reminiscent of broken basalt.

## THE FACTS

**Appellation:** Central Coast

**Vineyards:** Saarloos & Sons (Ballard Canyon), Kopack (El Pomar region, Paso Robles), Rancho Arroyo Grande (Arroyo Grande Valley), Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard

**Alc:** 14.7%

**Oak:** 20 months in French oak (15% new barriques, 20% neutral puncheons, 65% neutral barriques)

**Release Date:** July 15, 2014

**Aging Potential:** 5-8 years

### **Serving Recommendations:**

Open and decant 1-2 hours, drink slightly below room temperature.

## 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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