



**2008 GRENACHE NOIR, SMITH VINEYARD,
DRY CREEK VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY**

Vineyards The budwood for this vineyard came from the renowned Tables Creek Vineyard near Paso Robles, a strain of Grenache that is ideally matched to the warm growing climate in the Dry Creek. Joe farms the Smith Vineyards, and a 4-acre Merlot section was T-budded to this splendid Grenache clone in early 2006.

Winemaking This wine was barrel aged for 11 months in third year French Oak barrels. 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar, only 200 cases produced.

Tasting Notes This is a remarkably big Grenache, which hangs broad and rich on the palate. Its fresh nose is laden with thick raspberry jam, a perfect complement to the intense plum flavors that loom large as the wine touches and then proceeds from front to mid-palate. Firm tannins and a rich meaty mouthfeel seal the deal on this dense, intense wine that everyone likes to talk about.

This wine is a delicious match to ham or turkey – a perfect complement to your holiday feasts!!