



LEE FAMILY FARM

2014
GRENACHE

MONTEREY
APPELLATION



<i>appellation:</i>	MONTEREY
<i>vineyard:</i>	MEADOR
<i>soil:</i>	SANDY AND SHALY LOAM
<i>climate:</i>	COOL, REGION I+ TO II
<i>alcohol:</i>	14.4%
<i>acidity:</i>	5.7 G/L
<i>pH:</i>	3.60
<i>cooperage:</i>	10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS; 10% NEW
<i>production:</i>	55 CASES
<i>retail price:</i>	\$24.00

THE GRAPE

Grenache is the world's most widely planted red grape and is responsible for some of the finest wines, from France's southern Rhone Valley to the Priorat in Spain. Monterey is now on the list for producing great Grenache.

THE PLACE

The appellations of Monterey County are planted and farmed based on their proximity to Monterey Bay. Wind and fog moderate and extend the growing season, resulting in fruit of superior flavor and balance.

THE WINE

The fruit for this Lee Family Farm bottling is sourced from the Meador Vineyard where daytime temperatures reach the mid to upper 80's. The vineyard is cooled by fog and wind drawn in off the cold waters of nearby Monterey Bay.

The 2014 growing season was another dry one throughout the region. Despite some late winter frosts, budbreak came fairly early throughout the Monterey appellation. The warm spring and summer led to almost perfect fall conditions for gentle ripening and maturation.

The grapes were hand sorted in the vineyard and again at the winery before being completely de-stemmed. Whole berries were fermented in small open-top tanks. Manual punch downs provided for optimum extraction while maintaining an elegantly structured wine. The wine was aged for ten months in French oak barrels, 10% of which were new.

We select our best barrels of Grenache for this very limited bottling; only 55 cases were produced. The wine brims with bright fruit and spice. The 2014 Grenache is a beautiful red-garnet color with aromas of wild cherry, nutmeg, and anise. On the palate, flavors of bramble, sweet spice, and black cherry are joined by a hint of herbal/floral tones. This is a medium to full bodied wine which is delicious by itself or with grilled meats and vegetables.