



## **A Tribute to Grace Rosé of Grenache, Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard 2018**

**Vineyard:** Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard

**Varietal:** 100% Grenache, Clone 2; Noir

**Alcohol:** 13.1% abv

**Finishing pH:** 3.42

**Release date:** February 1st, 2019

**AVA:** Santa Barbara County

**Harvest Date:** Sep. 9th & 10th (moon in Leo., Virgo)

**Élevage:** 5 months in stainless (Aroha + Aries > Grace)

**Bottling date:** January 29, 2019 (moon in Libra)

**Total Production:** 913 cases

In 2018, we increased our neighbouring rows in the beloved “K” block, and harvested each clone of Grenache separately to encourage aromatic complexity. Clone “Noir” (new Rosé source for us as of 2017) brings lively vibrance to our beloved ‘K1’ Grenache (planted to clone 2). We also increased our tonnage, with a wondrous 15 tons to devote to this wine. Both blocks are farmed to around 5 tons per acre, the density both slows down the ripening curve, and maintains the pH - perfect for intentional Rosé.

Each block was picked separately; half of the clusters were gently pressed to tank, the other half foot-stomped and left on their skins for 24 hours, before joining the direct-pressed juice. Native fermentation led the first-pick-tank named Aroha, whilst the clone ‘Noir’ tank was inoculated under the name Aries. Aroha did finish MLF completely, bringing a circular heart to the crisp acidity of Aries. The two lots were brought together at dryness and enjoyed 10 weeks of marriage before bottling.

This wine was bottled under a Libra moon: January 28th, 2019.

**tasting notes:** Preserved lemon, sandalwood and starfruit.