



Côte Nicault

2023 Côte Nicault Full Disclosure WeatherEye Vineyard Grenache Red Mountain Gilles Nicault

Tasting Notes: Sourced entirely from WeatherEye Vineyard, this 100% Grenache is powerful and generous while maintaining remarkable freshness and precision. The nose opens with ripe figs, dark cherry, and spiced plum, layered with fragrant notes of fresh sage, dried Provençal herbs, and dusty potpourri. On the palate, a lush core of red and dark fruit unfolds with hints of mandarin orange zest, warm spice, wet stone, and subtle chocolate. Refined tannins provide structure to the wine's impressive volume, while vibrancy brings balance to the wine's richness. Bold yet elegant, with a distinctive herbal and mineral character, the finish is long, savory, and expressive, revealing a Grenache of both immediate allure and exceptional aging potential.

Vintage: The 2023 growing season combined modest yields with remarkable concentration and quality. A cool start to spring kept bud break later than usual, followed by a sharp rise in temperatures in May that quickly advanced vine development. Warm, stable conditions carried through the heart of summer, while a gradual veraison called for attentive vineyard management to promote uniform ripening. As harvest approached, warm days and cool evenings helped retain freshness and acidity, while favorable weather through late October allowed the fruit additional time on the vine to develop depth, complexity, and complete physiological maturity.

Winemaking: For this 100% Grenache, focus was placed on preserving the variety's expressive fruit and aromatics while building texture, structure, and complexity. Fifty percent of the grapes underwent whole-cluster fermentation, lending savory nuance, spice, and added dimension to the palate. The wine was then aged in 500L French oak puncheons, allowing the Grenache to develop depth and refinement without overshadowing its vibrant character. The result is a beautifully balanced expression with generous fruit, refined tannins, and an elegant interplay of freshness, spice, and structure.

Vineyards: Perched high along the rugged ridgelines of Red Mountain, WeatherEye Vineyard is defined by extreme exposure, persistent winds, fractured basalt, and dramatic variations in slope and soil. These demanding conditions are particularly well suited to Rhône varieties, especially Grenache, producing wines of striking intensity and clarity with refined structure and a distinctive expression of this remarkable site.

Varietal: 100% Grenache

Alcohol: 15.3%

pH: 3.92

TA: 0.45

Production: 100 cases