

s h a t t e r

SHAT-TER /'Sha-tər/

TRANSITIVE VERB

- 1 TO CAUSE TO DROP OR BE DISPERSED
- 2 A : TO BREAK AT ONCE INTO PIECES
B : TO DAMAGE BADLY : RUIN
- 3 TO CAUSE THE DISRUPTION OR ANNIHILATION OF : DEMOLISH

INTRANSITIVE VERB

- 1 TO BREAK APART : DISINTEGRATE
- 2 TO DROP OFF PARTS (AS LEAVES, PETALS, OR FRUIT)

2012 SHATTER GRENACHE

SHATTER, DAVE PHINNEY AND JOEL GOTT'S FIRST COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, COMES FROM THE SMALL TOWN OF MAURY IN THE ROUSSILLON REGION OF FRANCE. THE HILLSIDE GRENACHE VINES WERE PLANTED OVER 60 YEARS AGO IN BLACK SCHIST, A SLATE-LIKE, ROCKY SOIL COMMON TO THE AREA. THOUGH NUTRIENT-POOR, IT RETAINS HEAT WELL, ALLOWING THE SLOW-RIPENING GRENACHE TO REACH FULL MATURITY THROUGH COOL NIGHTS. TOUGH SOIL, STRONG WINDS AND HOT DAYS PUSH THE VINES AND CAUSE SHATTER, OR COULURE, IN THE GRAPE CLUSTERS, NATURALLY THINNING FRUIT FROM THE VINES AND PRODUCING MORE INTENSELY CONCENTRATED FLAVORS. AFTER HARVEST, THE FRUIT WAS COLD-SOAKED FOR 30 DAYS TO HELP FURTHER CONCENTRATE THE WINE, THEN FERMENTED AND AGED IN MAURY.

TASTING NOTES

AROMAS OF TOASTED FRENCH OAK AND BRIOCHE MINGLE WITH FRESH CUT STRAWBERRY AND CANDIED CHERRIES. THE ENTRY OF THE WINE IS RICH AND MOUTH COATING OFFERING A MÉLANGE OF KIRSCH AND DARK STONE FRUITS. THE MID-PALATE BRIMS WITH LAYERED BLACKBERRY AND SAVORY ESSENCE OF RIPE POMEGRANATE LEADING INTO A SOFT AND LINGERING FINISH WITH JUST A TOUCH OF BRIGHT ACIDITY.

100% GRENACHE

15.6% ALC./VOL.

AGING: 10 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK, 30% NEW

