



**THE CENTRAL COAST GROUP PROJECT (CCGP)  
2013 "FACES" GRENACHE  
BALLARD CANYON**

in 2013, we were able to expand our Grenache acreage on a few different vineyards in Ballard Canyon & Los Alamos, resulting in two varietal bottlings for this very, very late "spring" release.

the two wines were made in the same style, yet have tangibly different expressions that reflect the contrasting soils, climates & vines from which they were crafted.

"Faces" is Grenache from Ballard Canyon. it spent approximately four months on the skins, yet it is still surprisingly fresh & light on its feet. here, the vines are younger, the soils are predominantly clay & the climate is warmer than that of its sister wine "Twilight Idol."

the color is a beautiful, but rather pale garnet. this is primarily the result of the Alban 2 clone of Grenache which has a very lightly pigmented skin. this aspect of the wine is reminiscent of classical Barolo which can be very pale, but also rich, deep & complex on the palate. coincidentally, our winemaking style is very much inspired by classical Barolo – just saying...

**TASTING NOTES**

crème brûlée topped with cinnamon stick/folding into aromas of orange blossom, spearmint & white pepper notes

wild strawberries & smoked paprika on the palate/rhubarb/pipe tobacco/earl grey tea/a touch of honey & sweet lime

finishes long with zesty acidity/a delicious twist of citrus/& tons of reverb

**WINEMAKING**

--100% GRENACHE (80% ALBAN 2 CLONE/20% GRENACHE NOIR CLONE)

--100% NATIVE/AMBIENT FERMENTATION

--123 DAYS TOTAL MACERATION TIME

--ML COMPLETED ON THE SKINS

--AGED FOR 24 MONTHS IN 100% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK PIÈCES {18 MONTHS ON THE GROSS LEES}

--16% ALC./3.7 pH

-- HAND BOTTLED VIA GRAVITY

--UNFINED/UNFILTERED

--49 CASES (12/750ml) PRODUCED