



**THE CENTRAL COAST GROUP PROJECT (CCGP)
2013 “HAPPY BIRTHDAY!” MOURVÈDRE
BALLARD CANYON**

although, “Happy Birthday!” is a very, very late “spring” wine, that can be enjoyed during the warmer months, & even during the day, it smells like the winter holidays.

at first, this bit of seasonal dissonance was disturbing, making me question if it were actually “spring” wine or just fake “spring” wine.

fortunately, i got over this quickly – there’s no need to be so literal!

for example, just because you’re wearing an overcoat in 100-degree heat, like the famous mathematician & logician Kurt Gödel was known to do, that doesn’t mean you’re coldblooded.

nor does everything have to be perfectly matchy, like a dashing couple in his & her Le Coq Sportif, c. 1980... i.e., sometimes it’s nice to have some clash going on to keep things interesting.

this wine feels very comfortable about who & what it is. this is our first varietal bottling of 100% Mourvèdre. we find it truly delicious & are very happy, as well as proud, to share it with you any time &/or season of the year... enjoy!

TASTING NOTES

xmas wreath/eggnog/pencil shavings/bramble fruit/dark cherry/currants/roses/nutmeg

concentrated agua de jamaica/fresh pork tamales/tanned leather/tangerine zest/bold finish

WINEMAKING

--100% MOURVÈDRE (LARNER VINEYARD (CLONE A))

--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}

--15.2% ALC./3.52 pH

--HAND BOTTLED VIA GRAVITY

--UNFINED/UNFILTERED

--22 CASES (12/750ml) PRODUCED