



THE WALLS

2016 THE RAMPARTS

The Story Behind the Name

Ramparts are defensive walls built to protect something of great value. In this case, the walls are glass and the treasure Grenache. But even within such confines, and with such treasure, rules can be broken. This wine began in the 2013 vintage as a fun-time collaboration between Ali and grape grower pal, Damon, who wanted to experiment with Grenache. Their goal? Take beautiful fruit, break all the rules, and see what happens. The result? So good that Vikings would scale the ramparts of Paris for it.

The 2016 Vintage

Winemaker Ali Mayfield had “a moment” with this wine. In that moment, the stars of ripeness aligned and allowed a rare connection to be made: the co-fermentation of these beautiful reds with a stunning Viognier. “It made the Grenache super pretty and floral,” says Ali. “All you have to do is smell this wine to know it’s fantastic.” We also aged this vintage in concrete, which shaped it into a very pure expression of all its different pieces. “It’s very balanced,” our Assistant Winemaker Peter agrees and adds, “this wine has massive complexity, the concrete toned it down and gave it an elegant minerality.” You may want to stock up on this one to have on hand for those moments in your life when the stars align.

BLEND:

53% Grenache, 28% Mourvedre, 11% Syrah, 6% Counoise, 2% Viognier

AVA/VINEYARD

Red Mountain AVA, Red Heaven Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

Sep. 28 - Oct. 6, 2016

ABV: 15.4%

pH: 3.64

531 cases produced

Retail: \$44