

## *The Reserve Series*



### *2007 Grenache El Dorado 'Reserve'*

**Source:** Duarte Vineyard, El Dorado County

**Harvest Date:** October 25, 2007

**Brix at Harvest:** 26

**Time in Barrel:** 18 months

**Type of Oak:** Neutral French & American

**Alcohol:** 16%

**Bottled:** April 9, 2009

**Production:** 69 cases

**Winemaker's Notes:** This classic Southern Rhone wine grape is packed with rich ripe strawberry flavors with a touch of spiciness. This wine exudes the character of the Rhone River Valley Appellation *Gigondas* and has a hint of smokiness and soft tannins. The wine also exhibits full round fruit flavors and the traditional Rhone style with earth tones. This is a big Grenache with supple tannins that will go well with most meat dishes. Probably the world's most widely planted red grape, largely in France and Spain and more recently Australia. Grenache is often picked early due to its early bud break. This grape is perfect for El Dorado County because October is typically beautiful. In California, Grenache has been around in blends of all kinds since the 1850s, with about 7,700 acres currently planted.

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