



# 2013 GRENACHE Special Bottling

JOHN SEBASTIANO  
SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

4 BARRELS PRODUCED

John Sebastiano Vineyard was planted in 2007 and produced its first crop in 2010. It is located on the northeastern edge of the Santa Rita Hills appellation way up in the hills so it catches the ferocious winds that come in from the ocean at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The vineyard is mostly inside the appellation and mostly planted to pinot noir, however there is some syrah and grenache planted just outside and that is where we get our fruit. The vines were planted on a steep southern slope and the soil has quite a bit of clay with some shale-y bits that pop through here and there. The vines struggle to develop a full canopy of leaves and the fruit ripens late in October or early November, but each year the wine possesses a knockout aroma of crushed raspberries with a solid structure of tannin and acidity.

This wine is still a baby, but already tasting absolutely delicious!

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BLEND 100% Grenache  
VINEYARDS John Sebastiano  
AVA Santa Ynez Valley  
ALCOHOL 14.5%  
VINIFICATION 14% New French Oak  
BARREL AGING 12 Months  
TOTAL PRODUCTION 4 Barrels

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## PRESS REVIEWS

### Antonio Galloni's Vinous

"The 2013 Grenache John Sebastiano Vineyard Special Selection is a later pick that Adam Tolmach decided to bottle separately. Here the flavors are darker and more boldly sketched, with fruit that veers towards the blue/purplish end of the spectrum. Violet, lavender, cloves and menthol are some of the many notes that add to the wine's irrepressible personality. This is a fabulous showing from Ojai.. " - AG 94 Points

### Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"Coming from the last four parcels harvested that had an extra level of ripeness and density, the 2013 Grenache John Sebastiano Vineyard Special Bottling has fabulous intensity in its violet-tinged black and blue fruits, spring flowers, licorice and cracked pepper-driven bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, ripe and rounded, with a mouthfilling, vibrant and lively texture, it has solid mid-palate concentration, building tannin and a clean finish. Easily the best Grenache I've tasted from this estate, give it a year or two in the cellar and enjoy bottles through 2025." - JD 93 Points

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