



MIRO CELLARS

2022 CUVÉE SASHA



HARVEST: September 17, 2022

BLEND: 78% Grenache; 21% Syrah

BARREL AGING: 18 months
18% new French oak;
82% in neutral oak barrels

BOTTLED: May 8, 2024

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 0.62 **pH:** 3.7 **RS:** 0.25%

PRODUCTION: 335 cases

Winemaking: The grapes were cluster-sorted and gently destemmed before fermentation. A small percentage of whole clusters were added to the bottom of the tank to increase the fruity Grenache aromas. The wine was fermented in a stainless steel tank at a relatively low temperature. The wine was pressed at dryness after nine days of fermentation. Malolactic fermentation was finished in barrels.

Vineyard:

I have been purchasing the Grenache grapes from Peter Chevalier's (a long-time grape grower and vineyard manager) vineyard for several years now. This tiny vineyard is literally Peter's backyard, directly above the shore of Lake Mendocino. The success of this vineyard is due to several factors, including sustainable farming, soil, and proper microclimate—all perfect for growing high-quality grapes.

The Vintage:

According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, 2022 was the driest in 128 years. The good news is that we did not have any major wildfires to affect our region. The grape quality was very high across all varieties, with notably smaller berry and cluster sizes. This packs a stellar quality 2022 vintage. The yields, as one may suspect, were down about 18%, on average.

Winemaker's Description:

I love Grenache's seductively inviting aromas of jammy strawberries, dry cherries, plums, and cranberry, with a hint of dry rose petals and Potpourri that makes you smell the wine over and over again. The mouthfeel is clean, fresh, and lively without any heaviness. The acidity is focused and food-friendly. Cuvée Sasha is always an intriguing combination of soft and intense. The food pairings for this wine are endless, from classic cheeses to game birds, paté, sausages, etc. *Cheers!*

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