

BIANCHI

2019 THE GESTE RESERVE GSM

The classic French Rhône-style blend lovingly abbreviated “GSM” is produced all over the world, and has become a top favorite of many wine drinkers for its complex red fruit flavors. While first produced in France, other areas are now well known for growing their own versions of GSM blends, including Spain, Southern Australia, and the Central Coast of California. GSM stands for “Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre”—the three arguably most important varietals in the Côtes-du-Rhône region of France. Grenache, by far the lightest of the three varietals, is most often used as a majority in the blend, providing soft spice and red fruit flavors. Meanwhile, Syrah and Mourvèdre boost tannin complexity and darker fruit flavors like blueberries and blackberries as well as smokey or savory notes.

Our 2019 Reserve GSM is named “Geste” (French for ‘Gesture’) and is named after Beau Bianchi’s eldest son. This blend puts Syrah in the spotlight with 50% of the volume, resulting in a dark colored, medium-bodied wine that is well balanced and complex. Grenache follows the Syrah at 36%, and Mourvèdre makes up the remaining 14% in the blend. Each wine is carefully made separately by our winemakers and are tasted and blended right before bottling.

VINEYARD

Each of the three grape varietals in our GSM are grown in three unique vineyards in the Paso Robles AVA, all with slightly different weather and soil composition. The Syrah came to us from Briarwood Vineyard in the Templeton Gap district, boasting dynamic temperature swings and complex soil composition (mostly rocky alluvial and sandy, gravelly loam,) allowing for excellent drainage for the vines. Complex soils lead to complex wines, which translates directly to our intricate and unique GSM blend. Next, our Grenache was grown in the Estrella District of Paso Robles, at Brave Oak Vineyard, which sits at one of the highest altitudes in the airport area. This sloped vineyard is drip irrigated, uses Clone 513 for its Grenache, and was just recently certified sustainable. The soil here is a clay/lime mix, with a heavy limestone layer at 2 feet below the soil surface. Lastly, our Mourvèdre comes from a beautiful equestrian farm with vineyards that have access to a significant amount of water, and enjoy mild temperatures. Windfall Farms is also certified sustainable, and uses Clone 450 for their Mourvèdre vines. It is located in the agricultural and historically rich Creston District, and benefits from well draining sandy loam soils.

TASTING & PAIRING

Appearance: Deep magenta with defined rim variation

Aroma: Powerful aromas of spice, leather, blueberry jam, cranberries, & cedar

Flavor: Dry, medium-full bodied wine. Blueberries, dried cranberries, cinnamon, chalk, both ripe and dried fruits, with a soft finish

Our 2019 Reserve GSM shines out of the glass with purple and magenta hues. Powerful aromas of spice, cranberries, blueberry jam, leather and cedar all rise up to greet our nose and tantalize us, urging the first sip. These scents follow through on the palate, offering up flavors of ripe and dried blueberries and cranberries, cinnamon, chocolate and chalk with a dry and soft finish. Enjoy this wine with roast chicken and herbed mushrooms, or an elaborate charcuterie plate with assorted meats, pickles and olives.



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Varietal: 50% Syrah, 36% Grenache, 14% Mourvedre

Aging: 50% new French oak for 17 months

Clone: 513 (grenache), 450 (mourvèdre)

Vineyard: Briarwood Vineyards (Syrah), Brave Oak Vineyard (Grenache), Windfall Farms (Mourvedre)

Appellation: Paso Robles

R/S: 0.03

Acidity: 3.8pH | 0.59 TA

ABV: 15.7%

Production: 300 cases

Harvest Date: 10/15/19

Bottling Date: 03/24/21