

2014 Grenache

Stone Tree Vineyard · Columbia Valley

Outstanding! – Great Northwest Wine, January 2017,
www.greatnorthwestwine.com

“Tedd Wildman’s StoneTree Vineyard on the sultry Wabluke Slope excels with red Rhone varieties, so Grenache, a rather rare and expensive grape in Washington, is a prized commodity. Ripeness seems to never be an issue at StoneTree, and this lot was harvested remarkably early – Sept. 13 – at nearly 27 Brix. The predominantly neutral barrel program allows for the fruit to shine, starting with juicy aromas of raspberry, sweet blueberry, Rainier cherry and dried strawberry. Its structure is creamy, smooth and delicious, bringing bright flavors of pink raspberry and white strawberry with a late tug of red currant skins. Until 2011, all of their Grenache off StoneTree went into the Columbia Valley Syrah program, but L'Ecole has increased production of this standalone bottling by more than 50 percent in the past three vintages.” – Eric Degerman & Andy Perdue

19/20 points - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines,
October 2016

“This is an outstanding and well priced Grenache. It shows a crimson ruby color and enticing aromas of raspberry, huckleberry, pomegranate, cassis, rosebuds, sweet tobacco, garrigue (lavender and Provençal herbs) and spiced incense. The medium bodied flavors are supple and mouth filling, with notes of licorice, cocoa powder, black tea and sunbathed Saddle Mountain earth and minerals. On the back, the wine intensifies, with sensations of macerated berries, roasted nuts, framboise and crème de cassis, and dried pomegranate seeds, all culminating in a grainy yet smooth moderate acid and tannin finish.” – Rand Sealey

Tasting Room Picks - Washington Tasting Room Magazine,
Spring 2017, www.washingtontastingroom.com

“This single-vineyard version from the meticulously farmed Stone Tree Vineyard is elegant, silky and focused, wrapped in a blanket of steeped raspberry, red plum and strawberry fruit flavors backed by enchanting nuances of anise, warm stone and mineral spice that echo on the earthy finish.” – Washington Tasting Room Staff