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2008 Two Rows Garnacha, Clements Hills
70 Cases Produced (100% Grenache)

Vineyards: The Grenache for the 2008 Two Rows are both sourced from Greg Lewis's vineyard in the newly named appellation, of Clements Hills in Lodi's Eastern foothills. The vineyard is unique because of the combination of very rocky soils and a climate influenced by both the cool afternoon breezes off the delta and the Molculume River. The "Two Rows" of Grenache are a mix of two clones, the better known, Tablas clone, from cuttings from the famed Beaucastel Estate in Chateauneuf-du-pape and the remarkable and rare Caldwell clone. Both were grafted on to 29-year old rootstock in 2001 and are very low yielding. According to legend, the Caldwell Clone of Grenache was brought to this country as, Suitcase Cuttings, from one of Chateauneuf-du-papes most famous estates. Suitcase Cuttings is the nickname for a not so common practice of bringing back rare cuttings from famous European vineyards in a winemaker's suitcase, usually obtained in the dark of night.

Winemaking: The Grenache grapes were harvested by hand beautifully ripe the third week of October. The two different clones of Grenache were kept as separate lots. The grapes were gently de-stemmed and put into small ½ ton bins where they cold soaked for three days before the native yeasts began the primary fermentation. The grapes were punched down by hand three times daily and fermented naturally with their own native yeasts over a two and a half week period. After which we gently pressed the wine and placed the Grenache into a mix of neutral French oak hogsheads (300 Liter Barrels) and neutral French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. After five months and several blending trials, we decided on the blend, assembled it, racked it and put it back in to neutral French barrels to harmonize for an additional nine months. Only the three best barrels were chosen for the final blend, which was then racked and bottled unfiltered.

The Wine: Displays a deep, vibrant ruby color with aromas of ripe cherries, black raspberries and pomegranate fruit intermingled with toast and savory spice. The flavors match the aromas with the pure, lively fruit washing over the palate with hints of cola, vanilla and fresh herbs. The velvety texture is highlighted by the bright acidity that carries the fruit through the smooth, supple and sensuous finish where the well-integrated, powdery tannins complete the wine. Enjoy now and over the next few years.

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