



# CHARLES CREEK

## VINEYARD

2007

*Grenache*

*Tejada Vineyard - Lake County*

Winemaker: Kerry G. Damskey

Production: 108 cases

Date of Bottling: Septmeber 1, 2009

The Vineyards: 97% Tejada Vineyard, Lake County - 3% Redwood Valley

The Vintage: While the season heated up in the latter part of August, the 2007 vintage was, for the most part made up of an early bud break and moderate temperatures, allowing for lengthy hang time and concentrated flavors in the fruit. With yields that were relatively low due to loose clusters and small berries, the overall quality was exceptional.

The Blend: 97% Grenache, 3% Petite Sirah

Winemaking: 15 months maturation in French oak cooperage; 40% new

The Wine: Though widely planted and well respected in France (as a major varietal in the southern Rhone) and in Spain where it is called "Garnacha", early examples of Grenache in California were not always auspicious. With renewed interest in the wines of the Rhone, California Grenache eventually came into it's own in the late 20th century.

Sourced from the Tejada Vineyard in Lake County (North-east of Sonoma), this classic, varietal Grenache displays bright fruit aromas (ripe cherry, plum) with French oak undertones. Bright and lively in the mouth, flavors reminiscent of black fruits and bing cherry are accented with a mild pepper spice, vanillin and caramel. Tannins are soft and well integrated suggesting near-term drinking or short-term cellaring for up to 3 additional years.

Serve with: Red sauced pastas, grilled meats and dark meat poultry would pair well with this fruit-forward varietal.

The Stats: Alc: 14.7%

TA: 0.59G/100 ml

pH: 3.5

RS: 0.01%