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n. A long wandering and eventful journey.

2012 Gothic Old Vine Red, California (490 cases produced)
(60% Carinena, 40% Garnacha)

The Name:

Gothic takes its name from one of our favorite old world neighborhoods in Barcelona. While the Gothic District is rich in history and incredible “Gothic” architecture, we named this wine for our love of the bustling restaurants and Tapas bars in the Gothic, serving amazing Catalan food and pouring lots of juicy Catalonian red wines based on Carinena and Garnacha, (Spanish for Carignane and Grenache).

Vineyards:

The core of this wine comes from the Old Block of Carignane on the Rausseur Ranch in Lodi which was planted in 1909. These 103- year old, head pruned vines are in deep sandy soils and are naturally low yielding. Carignane, known for its signature spice, blue and black fruits has long been regarded as a blending grape in the South of France and Northeastern Spain. The Grenache in the blend comes from 90+year old vines grafted to the Alban Clone of Grenache at Bill Crawford’s Gibson Ranch in Mendocino’s McDowell Valley. These gnarly old head pruned vines produce tiny yields of beautiful fruit and are planted on a hillside of rugged, reddish, deep gravely loam soil.

Winemaking:

Both varieties were picked by hand in mid to late October. The grapes were gently destemmed and put in to small 1/2 ton bins where they cold soaked for three days before native yeasts began primary fermentation. After which the grapes were punched down by hand three times daily 2 1/2 weeks until dry. The wines were then pressed and placed in to well seasoned French oak barrels to undergo malo-lactic fermentation and aging separately. The blend came together after 24 months in barrel and was racked and returned to barrel for an additional three months of aging, then bottled unfiltered.

The Wine:

Brilliant, bright ruby colored, exhibiting an attractive nose of wild raspberry, bing cherry, pomegranate, red plum and red currant fruit with touches of savory spices, crushed rocks, vanilla and cream. Ripe and supple-textured with a concentrated core bright, juicy fruit. Medium-bodied with lively acids and powdery tannins provide just the right structure to balance out the beam of layered fruits.

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