LATTA Wines

2019 Upland Vineyard Grenache



158 cs. made. \$45/btl.

93 pts. Wine Enthusiast | 93 pts. Owen Bargreen

The Grenache starts with a generous bouquet followed by notes of ripe raspberry, cherry, white pepper and herb. Soft, sultry flavors follow. There's a wonderful textural feel in this wine that heightens the appeal, with the candied raspberry flavors and intense purity. A lengthy maceration with 50% stems and 50% whole berries lends wildness to the aromatics and length to the finish. This 100% Grenache is aged in neutral 500L puncheons for 25 months before bottling.

Upland Vineyard is a rolling extremely sloped site located in the Snipes Mountain AVA. Snipes Mountain was named for Ben Snipes, an early Yakima County pioneer who built a house at the base of a mountain in the 1850s. The area was first planted in 1917 by Washington State wine pioneer William B. Bridgman. The vineyard on Snipes Mountain was one of the first to plant Vitis vinifera in Washington. Snipes Mountain is a seven-mile-long anticline ridge created by fault activity. The "peak" is 1,290 feet high, rising from the floor of the Yakima Valley with unique, rocky soils. Soil deposits below the area are composed of gravels and sediments left by ancient riverbeds, deposits range in size from a fist to a football. A truly unique site in Washington and a standout for Grenache.