



# Opolo

## 2022 GRAND ROUGE

PASO ROBLES

*The 2022 Grand Rouge is an alternative Rhône-style blend composed of Grenache (53%), Counoise (27%) and Syrah (20%). Grand Rouge is Opolo's twist on the traditional "GSM," using Counoise as a differentiator to create a compelling blend.*

### VINEYARDS

The Grenache comes from two select sites: our estate To The Moon Vineyard in the Willow Creek District and Pomar Junction Vineyard in the El Pomar District. To The Moon Vineyard delivers Grenache with vibrant, juicy flavors and fresh acidity rooted in the site's coastal exposures. Pomar Junction Vineyard accentuates this profile with a more ripe and intense flavor expression of the Grenache grape. The Counoise comes from our estate Nichols East vineyard in the warmer Estrella District, bringing a soft blue fruit character to the blend. Finally, the Syrah comes primarily from our estate To The Moon and Dove Pond vineyards in the Willow Creek District, a prime terroir for Paso Robles Syrah.

### WINEMAKING

After harvesting, the fruit was cold soaked for two to three days for a gentle extraction of color and flavor. The majority of the Grenache was fermented in small open-top bins with twice daily punchdowns and stainless steel fermenters with daily pumpovers. After fermentation, the wine was settled and racked to 15 percent once-filled French and American oak barrels. Barrel selection spanned a range of coopers and toasting levels to complement the wine's delicate fruit profile with spiciness, structure and textural roundness. The final blend was assembled at the five-month mark, then returned to barrels for another 10 months of maturation prior to bottling.

### WINEMAKERS' TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Grand Rouge offers elegant aromas of rose petal, black tea, cherry and cranberry with hints of savory game. The palate is soft and rounded, showing plush red fruit flavors with suggestions of cedar, cola, anise and dried herb. A smooth, supple finish reveals lingering notes of light spices.

#### Composition

Grenache 53% | Counoise 27% | Syrah 20%

#### Appellation

Paso Robles

#### Aging

15 Months in French oak barrels

#### Analysis

TA .57 pH 3.59 Alcohol 14.4% Cases Produced 1,405