

MELÉE

OLD VINES EMBRACE A MODERN STYLE CALIFORNIA GRENACHE

THE STORY OF MELÉE

“Many years ago, I was traveling in Southern France and fell in love with the Grenache wines being made from the area. Big, dark, elegant wines, oozing with passion and varietal flavor.

A few years ago, I discovered two iron rich, classic Rhone vineyards, **EAGLE POINT RANCH** in Mendocino and **ALAMOS RANCH** in Paso Robles that reminded me of the vineyards I had visited in France. The soils are comprised of huge amounts of broken shale and a touch of limestone, which is very unusual for California. The climate is ideal for Grenache with warm days that are countered by the cooling breezes of the Pacific at night.

I tried to purchase the fruit, but found that it was under contract. I waited, and I waited... Finally, the opportunity presented itself and we now have a wine in bottle from these classic vineyards that is all I hoped it would be; graceful, rich, multilayered, with clear varietal flavor — MELÉE.” Tuck Beckstoffer



THE EXPERIENCE OF MELÉE:

Melee is a beautifully deep ruby/plum in color with a striking wet polished garnet quality in the glass. The aromas are distinctly Grenache with notes of boysenberry, crushed strawberry, and early season plum along with scents of shale, new leather and a hint of tobacco. The palate is more boysenberry and fresh plum, followed by classic Provence herb notes and a soft plush texture that ties the whole package together. Anise and currant complete the crisp finish.

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A Tuck Beckstoffer Wine



TUCK BECKSTOFFER – ACKNOWLEDGED PEDIGREE

Tuck Beckstoffer and his family moved to the Napa Valley in 1975 to begin their involvement in the California Grape Growing business. His love of the farming and wine making process began almost immediately as a young boy. As a teenager, Tuck worked in the vineyards of Napa and Mendocino Counties alongside field crews and operating equipment in Beckstoffer owned and managed vineyards. During college, he spent his summers

working in the soon to be famous wineries of the Napa Valley alongside some of the most influential winemakers in California, learning winemaking techniques and sensory evaluation. After University, Tuck returned to Napa to work for Beckstoffer Vineyards. In 1997 he began producing a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon under the Tuck Beckstoffer label that quickly became one of the most critically acclaimed wines to come out of the Napa Valley. In 2004, Tuck created Tuck Beckstoffer Wines. He and his family's farming legacy, combined with his personal knowledge and experience in the vineyard and cellar supports his commitment to produce these creative, exquisite wines.

MELÉE GRENACHE 2010

93 POINTS & TOP VALUE RHONE-STYLE RED

WINE SPECTATOR

“Delivers a core of ripe raspberry and blackberry that is firm, with crisp acidity and flinty tannins. Most impressive for the long, pure and focused finish. Drink now through 2022.” J. Laube, 12-15-12

“SAVORY ALLURE” James Laube, 3-13

