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Jepson 2005 Screaming Rose

VITICULTURE: When we talk about the ideal varietals for the Estate and for Mendocino, we talk about the Rhone Varietals. In our continuing exploration of Rhone Varietal on the estate we planted Grenache. The Grenache Noir clone we planted produces a smaller berry than some of the other clones producing a deep black raspberry flavor. In 2005, we decided to try our hand at making a Rose; the flavor profile of the Grenache seemed well suited for the style of wine and we are very happy with the results.

WINEMAKING: The Grenache was picked ripe with true varietal character. The wine was pressed on the skins in a long but delicate press cycle and cold fermented with a slow working yeast. We stopped the fermentation at .5 which makes this wine technically off-dry.

TASTING NOTES AND FOOD PAIRINGS: The name might suggest that this lovely wine is not for the faint of heart. You're in for a most pleasant surprise! Soft, off-dry tones are palate pleasing from the first sip. It is remarkable both in color and character with notes of wild strawberry and soft raspberry. We think you'll find this festive wine a nice addition to your table with smoked chicken, salmon burgers and other lightly grilled fair.

HARVEST DATES:	October 6, 2005
VARIETY:	100% Grenache
APPELLATION:	100% Mendocino, Estate Bottled
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
pH:	3.3
T.A.	.7
PRODUCTION:	250 cases