

CIRILLO ESTATE WINES

Grenache 1850 Ancestor Vine 2015





95 POINTS

The 2015 Grenache Old Vines 1850 is the current vintage. "They need time," says Marco Cirillo. This is initially very fresh in the mouth, but as the wine travels over the tongue, it carries ironstone and ferrous. It's very light (both in color and weight), and it's alive. The tail of flavor through the finish is drawn by pumice stone tannins and chewy phenolics. It's impressively light framed. It matured in tank for five years prior to bottling. One-third of the blend goes into wood post-ferment for six to 10 months. At least 50% of the wine sees no oak whatsoever. The oak is old and very large. We, the drinkers, have very few reference points for aging wines like this.



The Wine Advocate was a bi-monthly publication and Robert Parker Wine Advocate continues this tradition, although articles and reviews are now published every week. The main goal is to publish regionally focused reports, which mainly offer wine reviews of new wine releases, but they also produce important vintage retrospectives and occasionally single-label verticals and producer profiles. Since 2019, Robert Parker Wine Advocate has been a wholly owned subsidiary of the Michelin Group.



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