

DENNER

VINEYARDS
2013 DITCH DIGGER



Blend: 50% Grenache, 25% Mourvedre, 15% Syrah, 5% Cinsaut and 5% Counoise

Vineyard: 100% Estate – Willow Creek District, Paso Robles.

Fermentation: Foot stomped during 7-day cold soak then feral fermented with twice daily delestages. 3 week total maceration. Fermented with 95% whole clusters.

Cooperage & Elevage: - Aged for 15 months. 50% in neutral oak puncheons, 40% in concrete tank and 10% in new French oak puncheons.

Alc: 14.5%

pH: 3.68

TA: 5.4 g/l

Bottling Date: December 18th 2014 (unfiltered)

Cases Produced: 1545

Magnums Produced: 120 magnums

Prose: Do not be fooled by this wine's blue collar namesake, as it is pure sophistication this year. It has aromas of leather bound journals, blueberries and pipe smoke. It's dense and rich, with a sappy, fruit filled mid-palate and a long silky finish. The Ditch Digger may have hard worn hands, but they roll up the sleeves of a fine suede jacket.

Wine Advocate: 92-94. "Full-bodied and concentrated, with a big mid-palate and savory tannin, it offers up loads of black raspberry, violets, smoke and pepper on the nose..." *Jeb Dunnuck*

Vinous Media: 92-95. "Energy, tension and firm tannins are the signatures of the 2013 Ditch Digger. An impeccably balanced, bright red, the Ditch Digger is incredibly vivid and expressive today..." *Antonio Galloni*