

JOEL GOTT

ALAKAI

Grenache

CALIFORNIA

VARIETAL:

92% Grenache
4% Syrah
4% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION:

California
Monterey
Sonoma

BARREL:

35% new French oak

ALCOHOL:

13.9%

TASTING NOTES:

The 2013 Alakai from Joel Gott has aromas of blueberry, raspberry and sweet spices. On the palate, the wine opens with ripe fruit flavors. Elegant, soft tannins on the mid-palate are followed by a long—slightly peppery—finish.

WINEGROWING NOTES:

Inspired by our favorite Southern Rhône and California Rhône-style wines, we blended together Grenache, Syrah and Petite Sirah. The larger part of the fruit for this blend comes from the Monterey appellation where windy, cool weather, similar to that in France's Rhone Valley, stresses the vines, creating smaller, more concentrated fruit clusters. The 2013 growing season began with little rainfall in the spring followed by warm, moderate summer temperatures, giving us some of the best fruit to date with ideal ripeness, deep color and good structure.

