

JOEL GOTT

ALAKAI

GRENACHE

CALIFORNIA

VARIETAL:

95% Grenache
5% Syrah

APPELLATION:

California
Monterey
Knights Valley

BARREL:

65% new French oak

ALCOHOL:

13.9%

TASTING NOTES:

The 2012 Alakai from Joel Gott has aromatics of black cherries, blackberries, and hints of white pepper. The flavors are elegant and balanced, rounded out by ripe fruit flavors and smooth tannins.

WINEGROWING NOTES:

Alakai, a Rhône-style blend of Grenache and Syrah, is dark and structured, but with finesse and elegance. Within California, the ocean winds in Monterey best mirror conditions in France's Rhône Valley, where wind-stressed vines produce fewer clusters with more concentrated flavors, making for spicy, lush, food-friendly wines. Because of these conditions, the Grenache is sourced in large part from Monterey, while Syrah is sourced from Knights Valley, which adds a layer of white pepper spice. During the 2012 harvest, low rainfall and a late summer heat wave were cause for ideal ripeness, deep color and good structure.

