

# Bokisch

VINEYARDS

## 2016 Graciano Terra Alta Vineyard



APPELLATION:	Clements Hills-Lodi
VINEYARD:	Terra Alta Vineyards
COMPOSITION:	97% Graciano, 3% Tempranillo
CLONE SELECTION:	Rioja
AGING:	25% new French & American oak, 75% neutral
TECH:	Alc: 14.9%
SOIL TYPE:	Volcanic Clay Loam
AGE OF VINES:	16 Years
HARVESTED:	September 23, 2018
BOTTLING:	June 30, 2018
PRODUCTION:	280 cases produced
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$25 per bottle
GRAPES:	Organically & Sustainably Farmed
CERTIFICATION:	Certified Organic by CCOF Certified Green by the Lodi Rules Program



### TASTING NOTES

This is the very first vintage we have featured Terra Alta Vineyard Graciano with a vineyard designation! The violet-blue hue is the first signal that something special awaits in the glass. The aromas hit the nose in full force with forest fruit, blackberry pie, blueberry syrup and black licorice. Flavors of dark Bing cherry, vanilla bean, blueberry and sundried apricots linger in the mouth. Juicy sweet with a velvet finish, this wine will continue to age beautifully which is why it is often used in the blends of the Rioja region of Spain. Liz suggests pairing this wine with roasted leg of lamb with garlic and rosemary.

### GRACIANO FACTS & HISTORY

Graciano is thought to be the oldest variety commercially grown in Spain today. Its origins predate the arrival of the Romans, when Iberian tribes pressed and fermented their lovely Graciano juice in the old terraced hillside vineyards of the Rioja Alavesa. It is a richly-colored, perfumed variety that commences the season by taunting the grower with a late start, uneven growth and poor yields. Perhaps, because of this, there is very little Graciano planted and even fewer bottlings that can be found.

### GREEN CERTIFICATION

This wine was produced from organically certified and green certified vineyards. The “Lodi Rules for Sustainable Winegrowing Practices” is the most recognized third-party vineyard certification program in the industry. In order for a vineyard to be certified green under Lodi Rules, a grower must monitor and record their farming practices and achieve a minimum, quantifiable score in several categories.

*“Our Catalan roots have inspired our dream to produce Spanish Varietal Wines in California.*

*Enjoy a Taste of Spain with us! Salut!” -Markus and Liz Bokisch*