



## BONNY DOON VINEYARD

**\$20.00**

\* Suggested retail price

### Contra 2011

	Product code	11320587
	Agent	Noble Sélection
	Licensee price	\$17.40
	Format	12x750ml
	Listing type	SAQ Specialty by lot
	Status	Unavailable
	Type of product	Still wine
	Country	United States
	Regulated designation	American Viticultural Areas (AVA)
	Region	California
	Subregion	Santa Cruz
	Varietal(s)	Carignan 56 %
	Varietal(s)	Mourvèdre 28 %
	Varietal(s)	Grenache 9 %
	Varietal(s)	Syrah 6 %
	Varietal(s)	Zinfandel 1 %
	Alcohol percentage	13.5%
	Colour	Red
	Sugar	Dry
	Closure type	Metal screw cap
	Total acidity	6 g/l
	PH	3.53

#### ABOUT THIS WINERY

Founded in 1983 by Randall Grahm, Bonny Doon Vineyard is located in Santa Cruz, California. Randall is one of the first California winemakers have adopted the Rhone varietals, which earned him the nickname "The Rhone Ranger." Grahm is a leader in biodynamic agriculture.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2011 Contra marries the fresh blackberry and cranberry aromas of old vine carignane with the classic old vine mourvedre character of licorice and leather. This vintage provided a bright acidity with black cherry, blackberry, and a mix of spice on the palate. The silky tannins provide this wine with a texture to savor.

#### PRODUCT NOTES

Contra is a wine that reflects the opposite of modern winemaking sensibilities, meaning wines overworked and amped up, pushed and prodded into Procrustean palate-numbing sameness. À rebours, this wine is a contrarian blend of the most old-fangled grape variety, carignane, from several extremely old (100 year+), nongrafted, dry-farmed head-trained vineyards, located in Contra Costa County.

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## PRODUCTION NOTES

Dedicated to producing wines in a more unaffected, hands-off style, with a particular emphasis on the expression of terroir, or unique sense of place, Bonny Doon Vineyard fashioned the 2011 Contra from hand harvested grapes from the Central Coast. Hand sorted, indigenous yeast fermented in individual lots, extended maceration and 100% ML, before blending to achieve a wine that is bursting with life, exuberance and deep vitality.



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