

90% Cinsault , Estate 9% Syrah, Estate 1% Syrah, Donnachadh

Alcohol: 14.5% pH 3.70 TA 5.7 g/L Production 637 cases Suggested Retail \$32



## 2020 Cinsault

Margerum Estate Vineyard Los Olivos District

It's a wine with flavors that takes you to the south of France.

This fascinating wine is from our Estate grown and organically farmed vineyard located in the heart of the Los Olivos District appellation. It is 90% Cinsault with a blend of 10% Syrah. In Chateauneuf du Pape, Cinsault typically plays a smaller role of providing aroma, spice and verve to these legendary wines. This is our 4th vintage of bottling just this varietal and we love how fruity fresh and drinkable this wine is and even recommend chilling it down slightly.

Vineyard Regions Los Olivos District

Vintage Conditions Santa Barbara County had a cool spring but much warmer summer temperatures prevailed creating a fast and hotter growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves but were more intense than usual. Yields were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly, we did not have the fires that plagued the north coast. We are very happy with the quality and the resulting round, complex and balanced wines.

**Maturation** Fermented as whole berry for aromatics, then pressed after fermentation and matured for 10 months in various cask sizes that are seasoned and neutral including large French oak Foudre, puncheon and barrique.

**Color** Bright ruby red with notes of black and crimson color.

**Aroma:** Aromas of blackberries, Santa Barbara garrigue, sage, leather, cherries and granite.

**Palate:** A refreshing, highly gulpable, and bright fruity wine that you can drink all day. Delicious and spicy fruit surrounded by youthful tannins and bright acidity. The overlying presence of Cinsault and its playful nature creates flavors and aromas that remind us of the rustic country sides and cuisine in the south of France.