



MARGERUM

2020 Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Because we secure Syrah from most of the top Santa Barbara County vineyards, including our own Estate Vineyard, we knew we could make a stunning and approachable wine blending the various vineyards together. This is our fourth Santa Barbara County Syrah.

Composition Margerum Estate Vineyard 53%, Rancho Boa Vista 14%, Watch Hill Vineyard 12%, Zotovich Vineyard 12%, Black Oak Vineyard 5% and John Sebastiano Vineyard 4%

AVA Composition Los Olivos District 53%, Ballard Canyon 14%, Los Alamos 17%, and Sta. Rita Hills 16%

Vintage Conditions Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves. It was a very quick and even harvest with yields that were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly for us is that we did not have the fires that plagued the vineyards to the north. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the “numbers” (pH, TA, Alc.) have been right on resulting in very balanced wines.

Maturation This wine was matured for 10 months in neutral François Frères French oak barriques. Racked twice and bottled July 2021.

Color Gorgeous dark purple, red, blue and black.

Aroma Dark blue and black fruits mix of berries and plum ooze from the glass. Nuances of anise, grilled meats, bramble berry, herbs and leather playfully mix in the background.

Palate Blackberry pie, red plum, black licorice, dark cherry, baking herbs and grilled meats dominate the palate. Good architecture and length in the mouth finishing fresh and leaving you wanting more.

98% Syrah, 2% Viognier

Alcohol 14.7%

pH 3.69

TA 6.4 g/L

Production 268 cases

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