



MARGERUM

2022 Estate Roussanne

Los Olivos District

The Inspiration: In our past travels to France, some of the most compelling wines have been Rhône white blends. We've always wanted to make a wine like this but was without the source of quality white Rhône grapes - from the right climate and terroir - until now. In February 2016 we grafted and planted our Estate Vineyard in the new Los Olivos District AVA to all Rhône varietals including 1.5 acres of the little known but beguiling Roussanne.

AVA Description: Los Olivos District. Beautiful sunrises bring warmth to shadows and into the day as temps can reach high 90's in the heat of the summer. Cool breezes from the west and shaded by the late day sun return night temps down to 50s-60s. Plants thrive pushing bountiful yields with character and finesse.

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varietals before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average.

Maturation: Destemmed, pressed, and cold settled, barrel ferment in 55 F room, 22 days fermentation, racked and put through secondary MLF (Malo-Lactic Fermentation) in barrel, racked post MLF. Aged in two-year-old French oak barriques for 10 months.

Production & Wine Analysis: 174 cases produced. Alcohol 13.5%, pH 3.4, TA 6 g/L

Winemaker Notes...

Roussanne grown at the Estate Vineyard has expressions and a depth that is more often found in red wine. Full-bodied and rich with an exotic bouquet of honeycomb, citrus blossoms, stone fruit and nectar that is that is tightly packaged with balanced acidity and texture from both fruit and wood tannins. The aromas and mouthfeel are very captivating making for a fascinating and unique wine to share with your friends at the table with appropriate cuisine.

Peak Drinking: Now - 2032