



MARGERUM

2021 Black Oak Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Black Oak Syrah is an old vine vineyard located in the newly designated Alisos Canyon appellation and this is our 19th year of working with this gnarly site. Planted to Syrah Clone 877 and 99. We believe this wine is the one of the most age-worthy of our single vineyard Syrah. It is from a vineyard that is struggling and needs to be replanted.

Vineyard Region: Alisos Canyon AVA

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: This wine was matured for 18 months in seasoned and new Ermitage French oak barriques. Never racked until bottled. This wine is made in a reductive manner and it will be at its best when decanted and/or aged.

Color: Beautiful blue and black nuances.

Aroma: Wild blue and black briary fruits mixed with exotic aromas of purple flowers, anise, baking spice and saddle.

Palate: Concentrated, rich and full-bodied mouthfeel. Intense and expansive on the palate yet somehow retains an elegance and refreshing component. Syrah for grilled meats, particularly lamb, grilled vegetables and other wild game.

100% Syrah

76% Clone 877

17% Clone 99

7% MWC Estate 877

Alcohol 13.2%

pH 3.7

TA 6.1 g/L

Production 265 cases

Peak Drinking: The persistent structure and concentration should ensure drinking pleasure over the next 10-15+ years.

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