



# MARGERUM

## 2021 M5 RESERVE

*Santa Barbara County*

FIVE GRAPES - TWELVE VINEYARDS - ONE WINE



**44% Grenache**  
**31% Syrah**  
**14% Mourvèdre**  
**6% Counoise**  
**5% Cinsault**

**Alcohol:** 14.7%  
**pH** 3.56  
**TA** 6.2 g/L  
**Production:** 348 cases

M5 is a wine that is from a thought—a blend that is an amalgamation of memories, both distant and recent, from the numerous wines we have tasted and loved.

M5 Reserve is made from a small lot of our flagship M5, which we then age as a blend for an additional year in one large French Oak 2,000-liter Ermitage Foudre to create a richer, more complex wine.

**AVA Composition:** 40% Los Olivos District, 32% Santa Ynez Valley, 26% Sta. Rita Hills, 2% Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara

**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:** Each varietal component was pressed after fermentation and matured for 10 months in seasoned French oak barrels and puncheons. M5 is then blended and a portion is “reserved” for one year longer. 21 months total aging.

**Color:** Rich black hues with dark sultry red tones.

**Aroma:** Complex and intense aromas of dark berry fruit, baking spices, grilled meats and saddle leather mixed with beautiful toasted wood notes.

**Palate:** Rich, concentrated and powerful with gobs of black and red bramble fruit balanced by intriguing savory nuances of baking spice, sandalwood and forest floor. Built and structured with round, supple tannins that will allow the wine to age well but also be enjoyed with complex meals.

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