



MARGERUM

2012 M5

Santa Barbara County

FIVE GRAPES - ELEVEN VINEYARDS - ONE WINE

The Blend: 43% **Grenache:** Alamo Creek, Camp 4, Rodney's, and Black Oak vineyards, 41% **Syrah:** Colson Canyon, Black Oak, Great Oak, John Sebastiano, and Alondra de los Prados vineyards, 9% **Mourvedre:** Curtis and Zaca Mesa vineyard, 4% **Cinsault:** Camp 4 vineyard, 3% **Counoise:** Camp 4 vineyard.

M5 Mission statement: 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 I have tasted and loved.

Vineyard Regions: Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County, Sta. Rita Hills, and Foxen Canyon

Vintage Conditions: 2012 was a good year for growers, as the yields were high and the quality was very good. Nice cool mild summer, low wind spring, so a great set. No rain, no frost, and no storms – amazingly. Summer arrived with little fog and perfect clear warm (not hot) days allowed for slow grape development retaining natural grape acidity resulting in low alcohol wines with rich concentrated varietal flavors.

Maturation: This wine was matured for 9 months in neutral French oak barriques.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.58, and TA 6.1g/L.

Production: 3008 cases.

Wine Spectator
90 PTS

Well done, with an elegant, complex array of red and black fruits and light oak, dried herb and cedary notes. Impressively delicate and gracefully balanced. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault and Counoise. Drink now through 2023

Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

91 PTS

Bright violet color. Fresh blueberry and violet candy on the highly perfumed nose. Fleshy and appealingly sweet, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors that pick up spiciness with air. Emphatically fruity and supple in texture, finishing smooth and long, with just a hint of tannins.

WINE ENTHUSIAST
90 PTS

Doug Margerum presents a very steely nose on this wine, which picks up some red apple and cinnamon intrigue as well. The palate is all about finding a great tension between bitter citrus rinds and riper fruits like pineapple, proving both refreshing yet intellectual at the same time.

Color: Ruby Red, bright

Aroma: Dark plum, youthful fruits come immediately to the fore, with perfumed Grenache and rose-petal floral aromas. A whirl of assorted spices further entwines with charcuterie undertones.

Palate: A firm, solid offering with an impressive grip with ripe tannins. A burst of berried Grenache flavors initially impact, followed by the black olive, licorice and dark chocolate contribution of Syrah and earthy Mourvedre.

Peak Drinking: Now-2019

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