



Margerum Wine Company  
2012 M5 Reserve  
Santa Barbara County

FIVE GRAPES - ELEVEN VINEYARDS - ONE WINE

**The Blend:** 43% Grenache, 41% Syrah, 9% Mourvèdre, 4% Counoise, and 3% Cinsault.

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. ~ Doug Margerum

M5 reserve is M5 that is aged an additional year in a 500 liter seasoned French Oak puncheons creating a richer more complex wine.

**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 21 months in neutral French oak Puncheons.

**Wine Analysis:** Alcohol 14.2%, pH 3.58, and TA 6.1 g/L.

**Production:** 220 six packs.

*Winemaker comments by:*

*Doug Margerum*

**Last tasted:** 15 August 2014

**Color:** Dark ruby red

**Aroma:** Savage notes, raspberry and black currants with spice, pepper, cola and sarsaparilla.

**Palate:** Fruity while dry with earthy and savory notes balanced with black fruits and cranberry. Tight, focused, and chewy with firm tannins that will bode well for aging.

**Peak Drinking:** 2016-2022

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