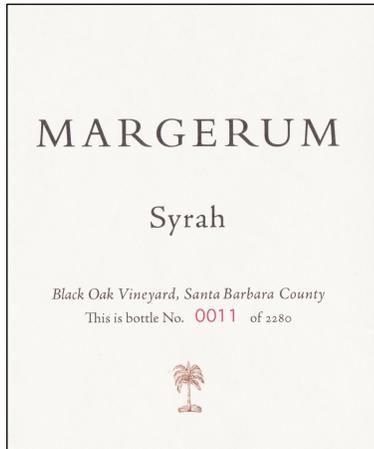




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## 2014 Black Oak Syrah

*Santa Barbara County*



Black Oak Syrah is a stunning vineyard located in the Los Alamos Valley Hills. The vineyard is planted to Syrah Clone 99 and Syrah Clone 877. The 2012 Black Oak Syrah 67% clone 877 and 33% clone 99. We believe this wine from this vineyard is the most age worthy of our single vineyard Syrah.

**Vineyard Region:** Los Alamos Valley, Santa Barbara County AVA

### 100% Syrah

**Color:** Opaque purple-violet with a deep dark core.

**Aroma:** Dark spices, sandalwood and fresh leather complimented with wafts of blueberry, licorice, and black tea. Secondary notes of dark plum and thyme come to the fore.

**Palate:** Aggressive, full & expansive with defined grip and plush, young tannins - tightly structured and dense. There are flavors of red & black fruits, espresso, and dark chocolate with notes of aniseed & wood; combined in an intricate weave of savory and spice.

The persistent length and structure should ensure drinking pleasure over the next 15+ years.

**Alcohol:** 13.3%

**pH** 3.62

**TA** 5.6 g/L

**Production:** 290 six-pack cases

**Suggested Retail:** \$40

**Vintage Conditions:** Harvest 2014 was our earliest in history. We commenced harvest on August 8th. Quality was extraordinary with small berries, ripeness without a lot of sugar and focused varietal flavors. It was clear early on that this would be a fantastic vintage. The average temperatures in 2014 were lower than 2013. We had no weather issues. The season was so consistent we were able to pick without heat spikes or cold spells causing panic or interrupting the harvest.

Overall, the wines have balanced acidity, low alcohols, precious tannins and they are concentrated and intense.

**Harvest Date:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

**Maturation:** This wine was matured for 20 months in seasoned and 17% 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 or aged.

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