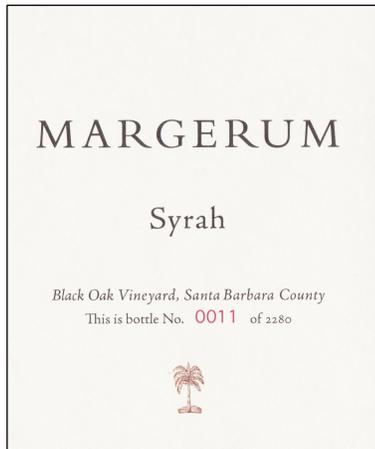




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2015 Black Oak Syrah

Santa Barbara County



100% Syrah

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

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

Palate: Aggressive, full & young with refined grip and plush, young tannins - tightly structured and dense. There are flavors of red & black fruits, blueberry, under ripe plum, 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: 14.1%

pH 3.59

TA 6.3 g/L

Production: 297 six-pack cases

Suggested Retail: \$45

Black Oak Syrah is an old vine vineyard located in the Los Alamos Valley Hills. The vineyard is planted to Syrah Clone 99 and Syrah Clone 877. The 2015 Black Oak Syrah is 83% clone 99 and 17% clone 877. 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

Vintage Conditions: Harvest 2015 was yet another record-breaking year being the earliest in our recent history. We commenced harvest on August 3rd. 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. Temperatures were consistently warm without heat waves. The season was so consistent we were able to pick without interruption ending harvest one month earlier than normal.

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

Harvest Date: September 11th

Maturation: This wine was matured for 20 months in seasoned and 33% new Ermitage and Francois Freres 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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