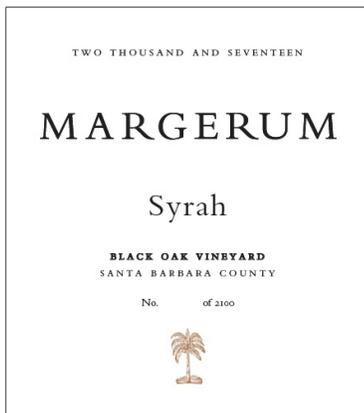




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2017 Black Oak Syrah

Santa Barbara County



100% Syrah

Color: Dark as sin, intense purple-violet with a deep dark core.

Aroma: Dark spices, leather and cassis fruit complemented with wafts of concentrated blackberry, licorice and black tea. There are secondary notes of forest floor and vanillin oak.

Palate: Classic Syrah, dark rich and concentrated, balanced tannins and sweet fruit. It's an explosive, wow, so intense, and so good Syrah for those who love Syrah.

Alcohol: 14.1%

pH 3.64

TA 6.1 g/L

Production: 350 six-pack cases

Retail: \$50.00

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 2016 Black Oak Syrah is 57% clone 99 and 43% 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 2017 took place the first week in October under cool, clear skies. Quality was extraordinary with small berries, even ripeness, good acidity and focused varietal flavors. It was clear early on that this would be a fantastic vintage. We had no weather issues. The quality of the grapes allowed for quite a bit of whole cluster fermentation with the final blend being half 100%-whole cluster and half being a combination of 25% to 50%.

Harvest Date: October 3rd

Maturation: This wine was matured for 20 months in seasoned and 50% 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.

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

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