



MARGERUM

2018 Black Oak Syrah

Santa Barbara County

93 Points

Jeb Dunnuck, August 2020

95 Points

Antonio Galloni, August 2020

100% Syrah

Color: Jet black with magenta hues. Almost opaque.

Aroma: Licorice and root beer aromatics complete with Bota bag leather and dark cooked fruits. It is all complemented with wafts of concentrated blackberry, anise, and black tea. There are secondary notes of forest floor and vanillin oak.

Palate: Rich full throttled Syrah, tangled dark rich and concentrated with balanced oak and grapes tannins and sweet fruit. It is explosive, wow, so intense, and so good Syrah for grilled meats and wild game.

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH 3.64

TA 6.1 g/L

Production: 190 12-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 2018 Black Oak Syrah is 38% clone 99 and 62% clone 877. We believe this wine from this vineyard is the one of the most age-worthy of our single vineyard Syrah.

Vineyard Region: Los Alamos Valley, Santa Barbara County
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Vintage Conditions: 2018 a “normal” vintage allowed us to have a longer picking season, as the fall days became cooler and the days shorter. Our first grapes ripened in early to mid-September and the last varietals hung on vines until early November. With August start dates the harvest becomes very compacted as the heat of summer ripens the grapes quicker.

It was a mellow growing season and the lack of any dramatic weather kept the vines healthy and happy with no signs of yellowing leaves and vines shutting down. Mild weather allows for more hang time which means the grapes reach that perfect balance of acidity and brix and develop more complex flavors.

Maturation: This wine was matured for 16 months in seasoned and 38% 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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