

TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

MARGERUM

Roussanne

MARGERUM ESTATE VINEYARD
LOS OLIVOS DISTRICT



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The Inspiration: In my more recent and past travels to France, some of the most compelling wines have been Rhône white blends. I've always wanted to make a wine like this, but was without the source of quality white Rhône grapes - from the right climate and terroir - until now. In February 2016 we grafted and planted Margerum Estate Vineyard in the new Los Olivos District AVA to all Rhône varietals. "M5 White Reserve" follows the tradition of making small lots of special blends from the estate. Both wines are enhanced by multiple varietal components creating blends that develop flavor and deliver on the palate in a seamless way.

AVA Description - Los Olivos District, North Alamo Pintado Rd, East facing slopes on alluvial hills. Beautiful sunrises bring warmth to shadows and into the day as temps can reach high 90's in the heat of the summer. Cool breezes from the west and shaded by the late day sun return night temps down to 50s-60s. Plants thrive pushing bountiful yields with character and finesse.

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.

Fermentation Regimen: Destemmed, pressed and cold settled, barrel ferment in 55 F room, 22 days fermentation, racked and MLF in barrel, racked post MLF. Aged in two year old French oak barriques for 10 months.

Production & Wine Analysis: 48 cases produced. Alcohol 13.8%, pH 3.35, TA 6.0 g/L.

Winemaker Notes...

Roussanne grown at the organically farmed Margerum Estate Vineyard has expressions and a depth that is more often found in red wine. Full-bodied and rich with a bouquet of honeycomb, tropical fruits, vanilla and marula fruit that is tightly packaged with balanced acidity and some nice fruit and oak tannins. It's captivating aromas make you want more but there is only one barrel produced.

Peak Drinking: Now - 2025

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