



MARGERUM

2019 Black Oak Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Black Oak Syrah is an old vine vineyard located in the Los Alamos Valley Hills and this is our 20th year of working with this site. It is planted to Syrah Clone 99 and Syrah Clone 877. The 2019 Black Oak Syrah is 38% clone 99 and 62% clone 877. We believe this wine is the one of the most age-worthy of our single vineyard Syrahs.

Vineyard Region Los Alamos Valley, Santa Barbara County AVA

Vintage Conditions 2019 was an outstanding vintage. It was a very cold winter and a very mild spring and summer leading to slow maturation and long hang times for increased complexities. Harvest was much later in the summer which allows us to harvest under kinder cooler conditions - there were essentially no heat spikes which tend to cause drama and we have a no drama policy.

Maturation This wine was matured for 18 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.

Color Dark blue and black saturated hues.

Aroma: Dark wild and briary blackberry mixed with exotic aromas of leather, Indian spice, anise and purple flowers.

Palate: Concentrated, rich and full-bodied mouthfeel. Intense and expansive staining the palate yet somehow retains an elegance and refreshing component. Syrah for grilled meats and wild game.

100% Syrah

Alcohol 14.5%

pH 3.61

TA 6.2 g/L

Production 186 cases

Retail \$50

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