

43% Grenache 35% Syrah 12% Mourvèdre 5% Counoise 5% Cinsault

**Alcohol**: 14.7% pH 3.52 TA 6.2 g/L **Production**: 290 cases

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## 2019 M5 RESERVE

Santa Barbara County

FIVE GRAPES - TWELVE VINEYARDS - ONE WINE

M5 is a wine that is from a thought—a blend that is an amalgamation of memories, both distant and recent, from the numerous wines we have tasted and loved.

M5 Reserve is made from a small lot of our flagship M5, which we then age as a blend for an additional year in one large French Oak 2,000-liter Ermitage Foudre to create a richer, more complex wine.

**AVA Composition:** 50% Los Olivos District, 34% Santa Ynez Valley, 7% Sta. Rita Hills, 4% Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara, and 5% Ballard Canyon.

**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:** Each varietal component was pressed after fermentation and matured for 10 months in seasoned French oak barrels and puncheons. M5 is then blended and a portion is "reserved" for one year longer. 21 months total aging.

**Color:** Sensuous, dark rich black hues with crimson dark red highlights.

**Aroma:** Wildly complex with a ton of old-world spices mixed with a collection of dark berry fruit aromas, earthy notes of saddle and roasted meats, wrapped up in beautiful toast notes.

**Palate:** Powerful and concentrated with rich black boysenberry fruits, leather and tobacco leaf. Tight, focused, and with structured young tannins that bodes well for aging.