



MARGERUM

## 2019 M5 White

Margerum Estate Vineyard, Los Olivos District

FIVE GRAPES - ONE VINEYARD - ONE WINE

45% Grenache Blanc / 21% Marsanne / 14% Viognier

13% Roussanne / 7% Picpoul Blanc



**The Inspiration:** In my more recent and past travels to France, some of the most compelling wines I have tasted 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" is now the companion wine to our flagship M5 Red, a Rhône red blend based on Grenache. Both wines are enhanced by multiple varietal components creating blends that develop flavor and deliver on the palate in a seamless way.

**Pairings:** The taste and aromatics of Rhône white blends are ideal for our Santa Barbara lifestyle. They pair well with the alfresco meals we eat and the cuisine typical of this area: grilled seafood, papaya salsa, meadow picnics, the beach, seafood skewers and general fun. These wines are great while young and develop to an entirely different experience with bottle age. Try M5 White with grilled foods, especially fish and sausage, tapenades, ratatouille and fish stew. For cheese, we suggest light blues & triple creams.

**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 component was fermented separately in neutral French oak barriques, puncheons and a bit of stainless steel. Aged on fine lees for 8 months. A small portion of the wine was allowed to go through malolactic fermentation to increase mouthfeel.

**Production & Wine Analysis:** 2,434 cases produced. Alcohol 12.8%, pH 3.26, TA 6.6 g/L.

**Reviews:** Wine Enthusiast -94 Points & Editors' Choice & Top 100 Enthusiast Wines for 2020  
Antonio Galloni- 92 Points

### *Winemaker Notes...*

**Color:** Slight straw and golden hues with a viscosity that clings to the glass as it is swirled.

**Aroma:** Apricots, white floral, sweet honey, hints of brioche toast, sweet pea flowers and pineapple.

**Palate:** Full, round and pleasing with ample acidity to balance the richness that will continue to evolve with time in bottle. Flavors of apple, wet stone and a touch of peach nectar engage with a lovely long persistent finish that lingers.

**Peak Drinking:** Now - 2027

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