

Los Olivos District

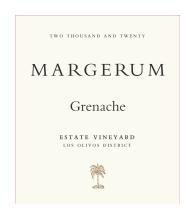
As avid producers, fans and consumers of Grenache based wines, we are constantly reminded how the various terroirs in Santa Barbara County produce such exciting examples of this noble grape. It is as if Santa Barbara Wine Country is the perfect home for the varietal outside of France, and in our opinion, rivals the inherent qualities that make Pinot Noir so beguiling, beautiful and age-worthy.

Once Doug Margerum secured the Estate Vineyard in Los Olivos, we eagerly planted several different red and white Rhône varietals and selections. On the steep rocky hillsides, we thought we could make some exceptional wines from Syrah and Grenache and planted less than one acre of the unique Alban Selection. In the 2020 vintage, it displayed aromas and flavors we had not yet seen from these few rows and decided that it must be bottled on its own. This is the inaugural release of 53 cases of the Estate Grenache and hope you find it as compelling and rewarding as we do.

Vineyard Regions Los Olivos District, Estate

Vintage Conditions Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves. It was a very quick and even harvest with yields that were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly for us is that we did not have the fires that plagued the vineyards to the north. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the "numbers" (pH, TA, Alc.) have been right on resulting in very balanced wines.

**Maturation** Pressed after fermentation and matured for 12 months in large neutral cask.



100% Grenache

Color Dark black-blue hues.

**Aroma** Santa Barbara garrigue aromas of black olive, wild blue and red berry fruits, spice and subtle wood. European dark chocolate.

**Palate** Rich and complex. Dark, powerful and luxurious. Very round, complete and satisfying on the palate.

Alcohol 14.7% pH 3.45 TA 6.1 g/L Production 53 cases Suggested Retail \$60 Peak Drinking Now-2035