



100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol 12.5%
pH 3.29
TA 8.3 g/L
Production 247 cases



MARGERUM

2021 D Sauvignon Blanc

Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara

Margerum “D” is an exploration of what can be achieved with barrel fermentation of great quality Sauvignon Blanc. The high mineral (low nutrient) soils of the Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara automatically put these wines into a special category. Reductive winemaking, with battonage, gives the wine a mineral quality, a textured palate and an ability to age for ten to twenty years.

This wine is crafted from picks of Sauvignon Blanc grown at McGinley Vineyard (51%), Grassini Vineyard (48%) and Happy Canyon Vineyard (1%). These early picks saw some skin contact and all were fermented in 265 Liter Ermitage “Cigar” pipes. These barrels are uniquely elongated for added lees contact and are a combination of new, one-year old and two-year old barrels that have been used only for the “D” program. D is a homage to the legendary Loire Valley winemaker, Didier Dagueneau, who also made barrel-fermented Sauvignon Blancs and was seen as a renegade for it.

Vintage Conditions Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the fall allowing for increased flavors due to hang time. The weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly above average, but the weather cooperated permitting us to have pronounced flavors and aromatics. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the “numbers” (pH, TA, Alc.) are perfect resulting in very balanced wines.

Maturation Aged entirely in barrel for 8 months with battonage (lees stirring) and kept in our very cold cellar. Aged in a mixture of new, one-year old and neutral cigar pipe (longer than typical) Ermitage barrels.

Color Bright steel grey, white gold hued.

Aroma: Smells amazing and complex. Loaded with aromas of grass, herbs, minerals and yellow/pink grapefruit pith. A great marker for Sancerre.

Palate: Vibrant, rich and mouth-filling complex expression of Sauvignon Blanc with savory elements, excellent natural acidity balanced with fruit and nuances of wood. Structured and built.