

87% Mourvèdre 12% Grenache 1% Syrah

Alcohol 14.7% pH 3.58 TA 5.6 g/L Production 51 cases



2021 Estate Mourvèdre

Los Olivos District

In 2015, we had the opportunity to secure our own Estate Vineyard in the heart of the newly formed Los Olivos District appellation. Besides the ability to now control our own yields and farming practices, it gave us the opportunity to plant exactly not only what varietals and clones we wanted down to row direction, vine density and whether it was on rootstock or own-rooted. This is how the M5 Estate Red Rhône-style blend was born.

This new bottling of Mourvèdre is another direct result of having our own vineyard property. Planted at the very top of the hill on limestone, on less than an acre, is this little known but remarkable grape. Traditionally, Mourvèdre is a blending grape and utilized in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and forms the core of legendary Château de Beaucastel.

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had a cool spring but much warmer summer temperatures prevailed creating a fast and hotter growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves but were more intense than usual. Yields were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly, we did not have the fires that plagued the north coast. We are very happy with the quality and the resulting round, complex and balanced wines.

Maturation: Aged entirely in barrel for 16 months with no racking in our very cold cellar. Aged in a mixture of large neutral French oak barrels.

Color: Dark purple-red and black hues.

Aroma: Dark black fruits, feral, ethereal and spicy.

Palate: Rich and expansive on the palate, good tannins, and mouth-filling structure with a fascinating balance between dark fruits, black berries, with leathery and earthy notes.