

99% Syrah, 1% Viognier

Alcohol 14.5% pH 3.63 TA 6.6 g/L Production 1,236 cases

MARGERUM

2022 Syrah

Santa Barbara County

We secure Syrah from top Santa Barbara County vineyards, including our own Estate Vineyard. We make a very compelling cool climate Syrah blending the various vineyards together to make a stunning and approachable wine.

Composition: Estate Vineyard 26%, Portico Hills Vineyard 24%, Nolan Vineyard 14%, Lieff Vineyard 14%, Spear Vineyard 11%, Watch Hill Vineyard 8%, Yellow Fox Trot Vineyard 4%

AVA Composition: Los Olivos District 39%, Alisos Canyon 38%, Santa Ynez Valley 12% and Sta. Rita Hills 11%

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varietals before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average.

Maturation: This wine was matured for 10 months in neutral François Frères French barriques. Wine was racked once and bottled June 2023.

Color: Dark purple and black electric.

Aromas: Wild brambleberry and black plum mix with loads of Provençal aromas like black olive, lavender, thyme, rosemary and sea salt. Rich with savory notes of grilled meats, dried herbs and black and purpley fruits.

Palate: Substantial and mouth-filling with loads of dark berry fruits, dark plum and cherry and anise mix with Provençal herbs and grilled meat. Round, complex, fresh and very satiating. Delicious and very enjoyable.