



# MARGERUM

## 2022 SYBARITE

*Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara*



### 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Alcohol** 12.5%

**pH** 3.45

**TA** 6.7 g/L

**Suggested Retail** \$26

**And** The word SYBARITE is derived from Sybaris, an ancient Greek city in southeastern Italy noted for the luxurious, pleasure seeking behavior of many of its inhabitants. SYBARITES are people who have a fondness for sensuous luxury.

This wine is crafted from a blend of Sauvignon Blanc grapes grown on the rolling hills of Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA. Arguably one of the finest regions to grow Sauvignon Blanc.

**Vineyards:** 35% Happy Canyon Vineyard, 35% McGinley Vineyard, 12% Vogelzang Vineyard, 7% Grassini Vineyards, 4% Santa Ynez Vineyard, 4% Two Wolves Vineyards and 3% Vincent Vineyards

**AVA:** Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA

**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 varieties 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:** The component wines are racked one time after fermentation is complete and stored in stainless steel tanks and French oak barrels. 12% of the wine was barrel fermented and aged 4 months in barrels of various sizes – 228 liter, 265 liter, and 600 liters during which the fine lees are stirred. Very little SO<sub>2</sub> is used, instead the lees and CO<sub>2</sub> from fermentation help protect the wine from oxidation.

**Color:** Light and bright white with delicate hints of green.

**Aroma:** Exuberant and bursting with green fruits of kiwi, lime and melon mixed with green and yellow citrus blossoms, lime leaf, fresh grass and fragrant herbs.

**Palate:** Great energy and alive on the palate with a wonderful minerally and wet stony texture. Layers of slate, grapefruit, honeydew melon, honeysuckle and lemongrass. Classic Loire style Sauvignon Blanc except with low SO<sub>2</sub>.