



**98% Syrah, 1% Grenache,  
1% Viognier**

**Alcohol** 14.6%

**pH** 3.6

**TA** 5.5 g/L

**Production** 234 cases



# MARGERUM

## 2023 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:** 27% Estate Vineyard, 22% Portico Hills Vineyard, 15% Nolan Vineyard, 12% Lieff Vineyard, 11% Spear Vineyard, 7% Watch Hill Vineyard, 3% Yellow Fox Trot Vineyard, 2% Zaca Mesa, 1% Donnachadh

**AVA Composition:** Santa Barbara County 100%

**Vintage Conditions:** Santa Barbara County harvest began about a month later than in 2022. The harvest was long and slow as mild temperatures persisted. We were delighted with the quality of the grapes as extended hang time added to the complexity of the wines. The winter rains percolated the soil and salts that had accumulated in the soil, allowing the vines to access previously tied-up nutrients. Harvest for most varieties was almost a month behind "normal". We are convinced this will be one of the best harvests in recent memory.

**Maturation:** A blend of cool climate Syrah from ten different vineyards and highlights several unique terroirs in Santa Barbara County. Fermented in small open top fermenters with various percentages of stem inclusion. Punched down by hand and directly pressed into an assortment of newish French oak barrels. Aged ten months in our cold cellar prior to bottling.

**Color:** Dark purple and black electric.

**Aromas:** Dark bramblebrry, Mediterranean spice, black pepper and black olive.

**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.

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