



# MARGERUM

## 2016 M5

*Santa Barbara County*

FIVE GRAPES ~ SEVEN VINEYARDS ~ ONE WINE

### 93 Points

Vinous ~ September 2018

### 92 Points

Jeb Dunnuck ~ October 2018

### 91 Points, Top 10 Red Blends Under \$28

Wine Spectator ~ March 2018

44% Grenache  
36% Syrah  
12% Mourvèdre  
5% Counoise  
3% Cinsaut

**Color:** Opaque with dense crimson and ruby red hues.

**Aroma:** Red fruits, dried cranberries and jammy youthful fruits come immediately to the fore, with perfumed Grenache and rose petal floral aromas.

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**pH** 3.59

**TA** 5.7 g/L.

**Production:** 3,090 cases.

**Suggested Retail:** \$27.50

M5 is a wine that is from a thought –a blend that is an amalgamation of memories, both distant and recent, from the numerous wines we have tasted and loved.

**Vineyard Regions:** Santa Ynez Valley; Ballard Canyon; Santa Maria Valley; Los Alamos; Foxen Canyon.

**Vintage Conditions:** It was a warm, dry summer with varying heat spikes and we had veraison quite early. With no ground water near the surface the stressed vines produced intensely flavored grapes with low brix, which resulted in lower alcohol wines with concentrated fruit flavors. We want fruit just approaching ripeness with higher acid and a lower brix.

**Maturation:** Each varietal component was pressed after fermentation and matured for 10 months in seasoned French oak barrels and puncheons before being racked one time to blend for bottling.

**Palate:** A solid core of dark red fruit and spicy fruit surrounded by youthful tannins. The overlying presence of Grenache flavors initially impacts the palate, followed by a finish complete with hints of jam, cocoa and dark berry contributions of Syrah and earthy Mourvèdre.

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