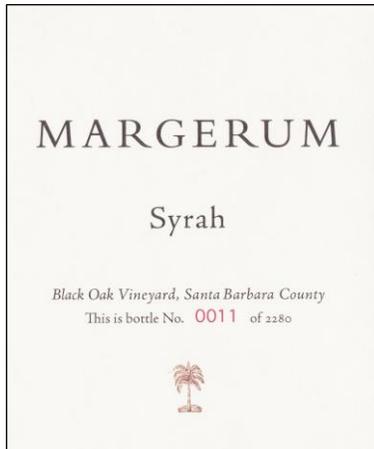




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## 2016 Black Oak Syrah

*Santa Barbara County*



### 94 Points

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### 100% Syrah

**Color:** Dark as sin, intense purple-violet with a deep dark core.

**Aroma:** Dark spices, leather and cassis fruit complemented with wafts of concentrated blackberry, licorice and black tea. There are secondary notes of forest floor and vanillin oak.

**Palate:** Classic Syrah, dark rich and concentrated, balanced tannins and sweet fruit. It's an explosive, wow, so intense, and so good Syrah for those who love Syrah.

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**pH** 3.64

**TA** 6.1 g/L

**Production:** 420 six-pack cases

**Retail:** \$50.00

Black Oak Syrah is an old vine vineyard located in the Los Alamos Valley hills. The vineyard is planted to Syrah Clone 99 and Syrah Clone 877. The 2016 Black Oak Syrah is 55% clone 99 and 45% clone 877. We believe this wine from this vineyard is the most age-worthy of our single vineyard Syrahs.

**Vineyard Region:** Los Alamos Valley, Santa Barbara County AVA

**Vintage Conditions:** It was a warm, dry summer with varying heat spikes. 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.

**Harvest Date:** September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Maturation:** This wine was matured for 20 months in seasoned and 33% new Ermitage and François Frères French oak barriques. Never racked until bottled.

This wine is made in a reductive manner and it will be at its best when decanted or aged.

The persistent length and structure should ensure drinking pleasure over the next 15+ years.

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