



# MARGERUM

## 2017 Syrah

### Margerum Estate Vineyard

*Los Olivos District, Santa Barbara County*

#### 100% Syrah

**Color:** Dark opaque and black hued

**Aroma:** Explosion of deep red fruit aromas with hints of wood and briar patch.

**Palate:** Full bodied and refined, rich, blueberry and dried fruits. Concentrated juicy mid palate encompassed by cola and sweet fruit. Complex integrated tannins complete the framework. The density, texture and depth of this wine are a testament to the quality of the vineyard. The finish is long and lingering with appealing notes coffee and vanilla. Drink this wine now or age it up to ten years.

**Alcohol:** 15.2%

**pH** 3.56

**TA** 5.9 g/L.

**Suggested Retail:** \$60

This is the first wine from our stunning hillside estate property overlooking the Santa Ynez Valley. With steep elevations and diverse low nutrient soils this vineyard is comprised of a combination of clay loam soils and limestone outcroppings on a limestone base.

The vineyard is farmed organically ensuring an environmentally friendly approach to viticulture. Margerum Wine Company has planted a complex array of Syrah grapes with a variety of clones, some own rooted and co-planted with Viognier. We have five clones: clone 7, Estrella clone, clone 470, Alban clone and clone 877.

**Vineyard Region:** Los Olivos District AVA

**Vintage Conditions:** Harvest 2017 took place the first week in October under cool, clear skies. Quality was extraordinary with small berries, even ripeness, good acidity and focused varietal flavors. It was clear early on that this would be a fantastic vintage. We had no weather issues. The quality of the grapes allowed for quite a bit of whole cluster fermentation with the final blend being half 100%-whole cluster and half being a combination of 25% to 50%.

**Maturation:** This wine was matured for 10 months in 55% new Ermitage and François Frères French oak barriques. Never racked until bottled.

**Production:** 163 six pack cases, 122 twelve pack cases, 6 magnums, 3 three liters and one five liter.