



# MARGERUM

## 2017 SYBARITE

*Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara*

This wine is crafted from a blend of Sauvignon Blanc grapes grown on the rolling hills of the Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA at McGinley Vineyard, Grassini Vineyard, Star Lane Vineyard and Happy Canyon Vineyard.

### 91 Points

Vinous ~ September 2018

#### 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Color:** Bright with golden green hues. Hints of yellow.

**Aroma:** Slight grassiness with chive, lime zest, layered with a slight hint of gunflint, straw and white peach.

**Palate:** Rich, tight, lean and full with layers of slate, lime, green melon, tropical hints and lemongrass. Very savory

This wine is perfect to serve as an aperitif. We like it with shellfish and raw fish, of course it works well with a selection of your favorite cheeses. Classic Loire style Sauvignon except with low SO2.

**Alcohol:** 12.7%

**pH** 3.18

**TA** 8.1 g/L

**Production:** 3,943 cases

**Suggested Retail:** \$21

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

**Vintage Conditions:** Another very early harvest beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Heat waves perpetuated picking, otherwise summer was consistently mild. The new normal is erratic weather patterns. Theoretically 2017 marked the official end of California's five-year drought; it did not end it in Santa Barbara County. The wetter winter did have the effect of percolating soils and reducing the salts in some of the vineyards. Clear skies and warm spring weather allowed for consistent flowering overall, with average to below average yields. We enjoyed fairly even ripening and picking was rhythmic.

**Maturation:** The component wines are racked one time after fermentation is complete and stored in stainless steel tanks (85%) and neutral French oak barrels and pipes (15%) for 10 months, during which the fine lees are stirred. Very little SO2 is used, instead the lees and CO2 from fermentation help protect the wine from oxidation.

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. Used in a sentence: We encourage sybaritic self-indulgent fondness for the sensuous luxury this wine provides.

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