



# MARGERUM

## 2018 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, Santa Ynez Vineyard, Happy Canyon Vineyard and Kingsley Vineyard of Los Olivos District.

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

### 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. Mouthwatering.

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**pH** 3.23

**TA** 7.7 g/L

**Production:** 2800 cases

**Suggested Retail:** \$21

**Vintage Conditions:** 2018 was a “normal” vintage which allowed us to have a longer picking season, as the fall days became cooler and the days shorter. Our first grapes ripened in early to mid-September and the last varieties hung on vines until early November. More hang time means the grapes reach that perfect balance of acidity and brix and develop more complex flavors.

It was a mellow growing season and the lack of any dramatic weather kept the vines healthy and happy with no signs of yellowing leaves and vines shutting down.

**Maturation:** The component wines are racked one time after fermentation is complete and stored in stainless steel tanks (96%) and neutral French oak barrels and pipes (4%) for 6 months, during which the fine lees are stirred. Very little SO<sub>2</sub> is used, instead the lees and CO<sub>2</sub> from fermentation help protect the wine from oxidation.

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. This is a classic Loire-style Sauvignon Blanc except with low SO<sub>2</sub>.

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. It is pronounced “Sib-are-ite”.