

94 Points Wine Spectator, March 2021

98% Syrah 2% Viognier

Alcohol: 13.9% pH 3.63 TA 5.9 g/L. Production: 635 six packs, 6 magnums, 3 three liters and one five liter.

Suggested Retail: \$60



2019 Syrah

Margerum Estate Vineyard

Los Olivos District

This is the third 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 three blocks co-planted with Viognier. We have five clones: clone 7, Estrella clone, clone 470, Alban clone and clone 877.

Composition: 100% Margerum Estate Vineyard. 31% Alban Clone, 20% Clone 470, 18% 877 Clone, 18% Clone 7, 11% Estrella Clone and 2% Viognier

AVA Composition: 100% Los Olivos District

Vintage Conditions: 2019 was an outstanding vintage. It was a very cold winter and a very mild spring and summer leading to slow maturation and long hang times for increased complexities. Harvest was much later in the summer which allows us to harvest under kinder cooler conditions – there were essentially no heat spikes which tend to cause drama and we have a no drama policy.

Maturation: This wine was matured for 10 months in 13 Ermitage barrels: 46% new, 8% 1yr, 38% 2yr, 8% 4yr. Never racked until bottled.

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, with 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

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vineyard. The finish is long and lingering with appealing notes coffee and vanilla.

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