



# MARGERUM

## 2020 Estate Syrah

*Los Olivos District*

This is the fifth wine made from our stunning hillside and estate property overlooking the Santa Ynez Valley. With steep elevations and diverse low nutrient soils comprised of a combination of clay loam and limestone outcroppings on a limestone base. We have planted a complex array of Syrah clones, some own-rooted and three blocks co-planted with Viognier. Five clones are: Estrella, 470, Alban, 7, and 877.

**Composition:** 100% Margerum Estate Vineyard. 30% Alban Clone, 30% Clone 470, 17% 877 Clone, 20% Clone 7, 1% Estrella Clone and 2% Viognier

**AVA Composition:** 100% Los Olivos District

**Vintage Conditions:** Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves. It was a very quick and even harvest with yields that were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly for us is that we did not have the fires that plagued the vineyards to the north. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the “numbers” (pH, TA, Alc.) have been right on resulting in very balanced wines.

**Maturation:** This wine was matured for 10 months in a mixture of 13 old and new Ermitage barrels and was never racked until bottling. 54% of the grapes were fermented as whole-cluster

**Color:** Intense, dark and black hued

**Aroma:** Fragrant wild dark red fruit (from whole cluster) aromas mixed with Mediterranean nuances of black olive, thyme and purple flowers. Earth notes of leather and black pepper mischievously weave in the background.

**Palate:** Rich, dense and full-bodied, loaded with dark berry fruits, dark chocolate and dried herbs. Concentrated, juicy mid palate with dark cola and delicious black fruit dominating. Complex and 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 refined and long with appealing notes of coffee and toast.

**98% Syrah**  
**2% Viognier**

**Alcohol 14.7%**

**pH 3.66**

**TA 6.1 g/L.**

**Production 307 cases**

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