



MARGERUM

2021 Estate Roussanne

Los Olivos District

The Inspiration: In our more recent and past travels to France, some of the most compelling wines have been Rhône white blends. We've always wanted to make a wine like this but was without the source of quality white Rhône grapes - from the right climate and terroir - until now. In February 2016 we grafted and planted our Estate Vineyard in the new Los Olivos District AVA to all Rhône varietals including 1.5 acres of the little known but beguiling Roussanne.

AVA Description: Los Olivos District. Beautiful sunrises bring warmth to shadows and into the day as temps can reach high 90's in the heat of the summer. Cool breezes from the west and shaded by the late day sun return night temps down to 50s-60s. Plants thrive pushing bountiful yields with character and finesse.

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the fall allowing for increased flavors due to hang time. The weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly above average but the weather cooperated permitting us to have pronounced flavors and aromatics. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the "numbers" (pH, TA, Alc.) are perfect resulting in very balanced wines.

Maturation: Destemmed, pressed and cold settled, barrel ferment in 55 F room, 22 days fermentation, racked and put through secondary MLF (Malo-Lactic Fermentation) in barrel, racked post MLF. Aged in two-year-old French oak barriques for 10 months.

Production & Wine Analysis: 187 cases produced. Alcohol 14.2%, pH 3.3, TA 6.4 g/L

Winemaker Notes...

Roussanne grown at the Estate Vineyard has expressions and a depth that is more often found in red wine. Full-bodied and rich with an exotic bouquet of honeycomb, tropical and yellow stone fruit and olive oil that is tightly packaged with balanced acidity and great texture from both fruit and wood tannins. The aromas and mouthfeel are very captivating making for a fascinating and unique wine to share with your friends.

Peak Drinking: Now - 2030