

98% Syrah 2% Viognier

Alcohol 14.6% pH 3.68 TA 6.3 g/L. Production 386 cases



2021 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 coplanted 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 but much warmer summer temperatures prevailed creating a fast and hotter growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves but were more intense than usual. Yields were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly, we did not have the fires that plagued the north coast. We are very happy with the quality and the resulting round, complex and 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. 55% 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.