



MARGERUM 2022 ÜBER Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Eighteen years ago, we set out to make the ultimate Syrah. ÜBER is a co-fermentation of all the top Santa Barbara County Syrah vineyards we work with, consisting of 8 different vineyards and is mainly from our Estate (five clones), Spear, 3235 Roblar, Portico Hills, Donnachadh, Yellow Foxtrot 2, Watch Hills, and Nolan. As each parcel of fruit arrives at the winery, approximately 10% of each pick and each clone is separated and added to the ÜBER fermenters. Three of the Estate clones are co-planted with 5% Viognier.

Vineyard Regions: Los Olivos District, Alisos Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley, and Sta. Rita Hills

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varieties before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average. The weather cooperated for the remainder of the year permitting us to pick and process to produce wines with excellent flavors and abundant aromatics.

Maturation: Aged 16 months in 88% new Ermitage French oak barriques. The wine was never raked until it was bottled. Unfined and unfiltered.

Color: Inky dark blue-black hues, nearly opaque.

Aroma: Powerful and brooding, driven by dark notes of black brambleberry mixed with exotic aromas of anise, black pepper, leather, rosemary, and liquid smoke.

Palate: Rich and deeply rewarding with a smooth, expansive mouthfeel. Flavors redolent of black berry fruits, white flowers, European chocolate, black olive and other Mediterranean spices, all woven seamlessly together. Marks a clear example of cool/cold climate Syrah.

99% Syrah
1% Viognier

Alcohol 15.1%
pH 3.75
TA 5.2 g/L
Production 214 cases
Drink 5-18+ years

2019 Vintage
95+ Points, Jeb Dunnuck
95 Points, Vinous