



## WINEMAKER NOTES

Matt's tasting notes: "Pure lifted, red fruit aromatics, cherry-vanilla Dr. Pepper, with a dense mid-palate, well integrated, grippy tannins and persistent fruit flavors from start to finish."

*Vineyard sources: 36% Jorian Hill Vineyard Syrah, 13% Zotovich Vineyard Syrah, 13% John Sebastiano Syrah, 13% Colson Canyon Syrah, 25% Jorian Hill Vineyard Grenache*

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	235
Appellation:	Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	75% Syrah, 25% Grenache
Vineyard selection:	36% Jorian Hill Vineyard Syrah, 13% Zotovich Vineyard Syrah, 13% John Sebastiano Syrah, 13% Colson Canyon Syrah, 25% Jorian Hill Vineyard Grenache
Clonal selection:	Estrella, Clone 1, 470, 877, Alban (GR)
% Whole cluster:	60%
Barrels   Aging:	100% Neutral French Oak
Alcohol:	13.5%
Brix:	22.4-23.2
pH at harvest:	3.36-3.70
Finished pH:	3.85
Finished TA:	5.6 g/L
Harvest date:	10/4/2019-10/12/2019
Bottling date:	January 2022
Release date   Price:	Spring 2022   \$48.00

## 2019 VINTAGE

2019 was a near perfectly 'normal' cool-climate Santa Barbara vintage. The kind of normal it feels like we rarely see anymore. Plenty of rainfall early in the year and moderate summer weather gave us an even growing season and a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in early-mid September. We didn't see the super extreme heat during the beginning of harvest, allowing for a steady and civilized pick schedule. The 2019 wines show good flavor concentration and depth from the extra hangtime, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The wine region of Santa Barbara County is located north of the city of Santa Barbara and includes the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Maria Valley. A defining feature of the region that makes it ideal for grape growing are the transverse, (east-to-west running) mountain ranges that funnel the marine climate inland. The marine fog and wind have a moderating effect on the vines prolonging the growing season and providing a longer hang time for the fruit.

## ACCOLADES

95 points, Wine Advocate *"The 2019 Syrah/Grenache Cuvée d'Inspiration has a medium ruby-purple color and pure aromas of red and black currants, mint leaves, earth and citrus peel. The medium-bodied palate is approachable and refreshing, its bright acidity accenting spicy, floral accents, and it has a long, juicy finish."* Erin Brooks, March 2022