



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Grenache - Colson Canyon Vineyard is a Grenache that's light on its feet, with luscious red fruit on the nose and subtle notes of eucalyptus and menthol. On the palate, this wine glides softly across the palate and stays bright with tangy acid on the finish, leaving you wanting another sip! Soft tannins, acai fruit, cherry cordial and old-fashioned wax-bottle candy make this wine interesting and incredibly food-friendly.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	96
Appellation:	Santa Maria Valley/Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	100% Grenache
Clonal selection:	Clone 362
% Whole cluster:	25%
Soil at site:	Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 18 months
Alcohol:	12.6%
Brix:	21.8
pH at harvest:	3.30
Finished pH:	3.45
Finished TA:	6.5 g/L
Harvest date:	9/28/2019
Bottling date:	February 2021
Release date:	April 2022

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.

COLSON CANYON VINEYARD

We added Colson Canyon to our lineup in 2017. Owner Joey Tensley was gracious enough to allow us to work with some of his fruit. We get both Grenache and Syrah out of this vineyard located east of Santa Maria. Despite being a bit inland, it is still a really cool site, getting especially cold at night but it's a little warmer during the day. Hands down it's the most remote vineyard we've worked with in Santa Barbara County because it's WAY out. You go down Tepusquet Canyon and then go down Colson Canyon. The last couple miles are all on dirt roads. It's one of those vineyards where you got to take a left at the horse and you always think you're lost on the way there.

ACCOLADES

93 points - Wine Enthusiast

Light in the glass like most everything from this winery, this hard-to-get Grenache begins with fresh aromas of pomegranate, strawberry and carnations, but it's the crushed sandstone streak that provides a unique identity. The palate snaps with rose and raspberry flavors, as chalky tannins carry the light yet complex wine into a tense finish. - Matt Kettmann