



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Syrah – Colson Canyon Vineyard is a grippy, rich Syrah which will stand up well with some cellar aging. This wine gushes with fruit and spice on the nose – cherry Dr. Pepper, black cherry, black plum and blueberry syrup. Hints of smoked paprika on the palate add interest and the tannins are reminiscent of well-steeped green tea. This giving, luscious Syrah is fruit-driven and a great pairing for smoked or braised meats, game or hearty stews. Drink now or lay down this full-bodied, expressive Syrah.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	108
Appellation:	Santa Maria Valley/Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Clone 877
% Whole cluster:	40%
Soil at site:	Loam/Clay/Chert
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 21 months
Alcohol:	13.6%
Brix:	23.2
pH at harvest:	3.38
Finished pH:	3.65
Finished TA:	5.9 g/L
Harvest date:	10/08/2019
Bottling date:	August 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

94 points - Wine Enthusiast

From one of the more extreme and remote vineyards in the state, this bottling focuses on crumpled herb, oregano, marjoram, potpourri and crisp plum-fruit aromas on the nose. The palate presents pleasantly soft flavors of strawberry cream and rose petals, proving quite open and juicy. - Matt Kettmann