



WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Reserve Syrah bottling from 2019 is a 2 barrel selection made for a powerful, complex wine that is more representative of the style than vineyard. This wine is meant to age, and held in barrel and bottle longer before release than any other Syrah we make. The 2019 is a powerful and fruit-driven wine with sweet herb notes: tarragon, mint and thai basil that brightens on the palate with a cheery acidity.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	22
Appellation:	Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Clone 1
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 20 months in barrel
Alcohol:	13.8%
Brix:	22.4
pH at harvest:	3.41
Finished pH:	3.8
Finished TA:	7.1 g/L
Harvest date:	10/15/2019
Bottling date:	March 2022
Release date:	September 2023

2019 VINTAGE

Winter rain between 2016 and 2017 was a welcome relief from the severe 5-year drought. The 2017 growing season was extremely moderate, the only exception being a pre-harvest heat spike and some tropical moisture, followed by more moderate weather through harvest's end. The wines retain very bright acidity, with full and ripe flavors.

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

94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous *The 2019 Syrah OM is a single barrel bottling from one of the top sites in the Sta. Rita Hills. Deep, powerful and vibrant, the OM captures the pedigree of Syrah here. The purity of the flavors is striking. There are no stems in this wine, an approach that works quite well here. The OM spent an extra four months in oak relative to the other Syrahs, which seems to have added extra dimension as well. This is beautifully done.* -Antonio Galloni

94 points - Wine & Spirits *Samsara's reserve syrah is a barrel selection, this 2019 smoky with whole-cluster scents, bergamot and violets. The wine's tea-like savor frames a sweet plum character, with a hint of zingy acidity to keep it buoyant and upright.* —P.J.C.