



WINEMAKER NOTES

Our first vintage of Gamay comes from Shokrian Vineyard off of Cat Canyon Rd in Santa Maria. This Gamay is lightly handled in the cellar with the intention of creating a delicate and intentionally soft wine, and we are so happy with the result! This wine is not short on complexity, however, with a nose almost reminiscent of Pinot Noir: candied cherries, Dr. Pepper cola notes, with savory, spicy earthiness and incredibly soft tannins. For us, this wine checks all the boxes of a crushable summer red wine.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	87
Appellation:	Santa Barbara County
Varietal composition:	100% Gamay
Clonal selection:	358
% Whole cluster	20%
Soil at Site:	Sand/Loam/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% Neutral French Oak 6 months
Alcohol:	12.8%
Brix:	21.8
pH at harvest:	3.6 pH
Finished pH:	3.85
Finished TA:	5.0 g/L
Harvest date:	9/12/2020
Bottling date:	March 2021
Release date:	June 2022

2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

SHOKRIAN VINEYARD

Located in Santa Barbara County's Cat Canyon, Shokrian Vineyard is right in the middle of Los Alamos. This site is close enough to the ocean to be ensconced in persistent maritime fog and wind that results in slower ripening fruit and a longer hang-time on the vine and is consistently one of our last harvested vineyards in the Fall. Shokrian Vineyard is a certified organic vineyard that utilizes organic and biodynamic farming practices that yield coveted high quality fruit year over year.

ACCOLADES

92 points - Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast, Editor's Choice "Just before Gamay Noir was about to fall into a same-flavor-everywhere trap, winemaker Matt Brady brings a bit more herbal tone to the juicy grape in this bottling. Aromas of thyme, white pepper and pepper decorate the raspberry and cranberry aspects of the nose, while the red currant of the palate is cut by orange-rind and marjoram flavors." -Matt Kettman