



2019 SAN BENITO COUNTY SYRAH

APPELLATION

San Benito County

VINEYARDS

Circle S Vineyard (Siletto)

ALCOHOL

14.2%

pH/TITRATABLE ACIDITY

3.57/6 g/l

WINEMAKING

Open top 1-ton fermenters, 30% whole cluster cold soak, punch down

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in 25% new French Oak barrels

WINEMAKER

Garry Brooks

CASES PRODUCED

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THE VINEYARDS AND VINTAGE

Circle S Vineyard is situated among the golden rolling hills east of Hollister. The Syrah is planted in an alluvial fan adjacent to Tres Pinos Creek. These gravely soils provide great drainage for the vines. Daytime temperatures can be quite high, but cool winds funnel between the Gabilan Range and the Santa Lucia Mountains from Monterey Bay in to bring the evening temperatures down.

The 2019 vintage was a great balance between generous crop levels and high quality. After a wet winter and moderate weather throughout the spring and summer, harvest time was a continuation of the mild weather, which allowed the grapes to slowly ripen. The wines from 2019 feature brilliant natural acidity and beautiful, concentrated flavors.

WINEMAKING

The Syrah was harvested in the early morning hours of September 23rd. After a two-day cold soak, fermentations took place in mostly 1 ton open-top vessels with 30% whole clusters. Each lot was pressed after two weeks on the skins and aged for 18 months in 25% new French Oak Barrels.

THE WINE

Our 2019 Syrah has aromas of violets, white pepper, cardamom and Cassis. On the pallet, it exhibits flavors of violets, dark boysenberry, blueberry, plum, dried cherry and a hint of graphite. It builds to a mouthwatering finish with flavors of boysenberry, baking spice and lovely balanced tannins.

