



# 2019 GSM

## BLEND

60% GRENACHE  
20% SYRAH  
20% MOURVÉDRE

## APPELLATION

San Benito County

## VINEYARDS

Circle S Vineyards (Siletto)

## ALCOHOL

13.8%

## pH/TITRATABLE ACIDITY

3.56/5.6 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

120



## THE VINEYARDS AND VINTAGE

Circle S Vineyard is situated among the golden rolling hills east of Hollister. 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 the first to be harvested on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with Grenache following it on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mourvèdre was harvested on October 24<sup>th</sup>. After a two-day cold soak, fermentations took place in 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

The 2019 Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre Blend (GSM) is from the cool pass between Hollister and the Central Valley. It begins with flavors of dusty strawberry, and candied cherry and builds toward Chambord (Raspberry Liqueur), with earthy notes from the Syrah and Mourvèdre. It's supported by subtle tannin that builds in the mid-palate and supports the weight of the Syrah and Mourvèdre on the finish. The 13.8% alcohol is low for a GSM and is reminiscent of similar blends from the Southern Rhone.