

2019 DIERBERG SYRAH

HAPPY CANYON OF SANTA BARBARA



ALCOHOL
14.2%

AGED
18 months

OAK
18% Neutral
French 100L;
82% neutral
CELLAR LIFE
8-15 years

HARVESTED
Sept. 2019

BOTTLED
March 2021

VINTAGE

The second wet winter in the last 3 years was welcome news for Star Lane Vineyard. There has been much work invested in soil health over the last several years, including a continued ramp-up in sustainable vineyard management and farming which has led to Star Lane Vineyard being designated as a Certified California Sustainable vineyard. Indeed, the rains certainly contributed to vine health as well in 2019 and created a synergy with the farming practices. The growing season was the coolest in the last 4 years and created opportunity to produce absolutely classic, vibrant wines from Star Lane Vineyard. We are thrilled with this vintage!

WINEMAKER NOTES

At Star Lane Vineyard, we're typically cooler than most Happy Canyon estates due to our elevation and aspect, so the cooler vintage meant a nice ripening which produced depth of color and flavor. This vintage has a more fruit-forward character than the previous, with the animal fat and herbaceousness a bit hidden behind the dark cherry fruit in its youth. There is a balance and elegance this year which will allow early drinking but also reward some patience and cellar age.

TASTING NOTES

Star Lane Vineyard Syrah is often quite savory, with spiced cured meat flavors dancing around the core of dark cherry fruit. 2019 is no exception but in this vintage a higher toned red fruit is emerging early which makes it quite enjoyable now. The texture is nice and balanced, and the floral characteristics of garrigue help frame the beautiful fruit. This wine should age quite a long time, as we have observed with other Syrah offerings from Star Lane.

