

# ANCIENT PEAKS

v. 2021 | **RENEGADE**

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA | SANTA MARGARITA RANCH



## OVERVIEW

The 2021 Renegade comes from our estate Margarita Vineyard on the historic Santa Margarita Ranch. From missionaries to gunslingers, roughriders to outlaws, a colorful cast of characters has traversed the ranch's rugged terrain since the 18th century. In that spirit, we have made an intensely flavored blend that pushes the envelope and resists conformity, adding an adventurous twist to our family of wines. Defiantly bold and daringly elegant—this is Renegade.

## VINEYARD

The 2021 Renegade is a Syrah-driven blend with complements of Malbec and Petit Verdot, all from Margarita Vineyard. The Syrah comes from Block 47 along slopes of ancient sea bed soils, where the fruit achieves deep, dark flavors with meaty richness. The Petit Verdot component comes from Block 35, where own-rooted vines deliver fine mid-palate structure and concentration. The Malbec from Block 45 provides rich red fruit flavors with a fresh, mouthwatering texture. Together, these varieties create a blend of breadth and dimension. Margarita Vineyard stands alone as the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles region, nestled into the rugged Santa Lucia Mountain range just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the new Santa Margarita Ranch AVA. The surrounding mountain peaks are testaments to the tectonic forces that created Margarita Vineyard's rare diversity of soils, ultimately fostering natural complexity in our wines.

## WINEMAKING

The winemaking vision of Renegade is to craft a bold Syrah-driven wine with the structure and finesse provided by classic Bordeaux blending varieties. Each lot was cold soaked for 48 hours prior to fermentations spanning 12 to 15 days. After fermentation, the individual lots were aged for 20 months in a combination of French (60%) and American oak (40%) barrels, including a total of 25 percent new oak. A majority of the Syrah was aged in barrels with medium-plus toasting to accentuate the varietal's savory, smoky nuances. The Bordeaux varieties were matured in medium-toast barrels for pure fruit expression. In the final blend, Syrah sets the tone with deep black fruit and savory nuances. The Petit Verdot intensifies the overall color, nuance and tannin profile, while the Malbec brings juiciness to the mouthfeel. The result is a uniquely styled blend and a true Ancient Peaks original.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Renegade presents complex aromas of violets, blue fruits and pomegranate with notes of graphite, cinnamon and toasted oak. The palate is rich and racy with flavors of cherry, currant, raspberry, cranberry and smoked meat. Trailing accents of cedar, juniper, earth and white pepper add intrigue to a lively, chewy finish.

## CUISINE PAIRING

The vibrant and multifaceted character of the 2021 Renegade pairs well with richly textured fare, including beef stew, smoked game, grilled lamb chops and vegetable lasagna.

## VINEYARD:

Margarita Vineyard

## SOIL TYPE:

Ancient Sea Bed   
Shale 

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

Syrah 83%  
Petit Verdot 14%  
Malbec 3%

## HARVEST DATES:

September 24 & October 1  
(Syrah / Block 47)  
October 4 (Malbec / Block 45)  
October 28 (Petit Verdot / Blocks 35)

## AGING REGIMEN:

20 months in French and  
American oak barrels

## FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.5%  
pH: 3.77  
TA: .60



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