

# CINNABAR

WINERY

**Syrah 20**

**San Bernabe Monterey County 18**

## The Taste

Full-bodied and opaque with aromas of plum, dark chocolate and sage brush. All this converges to a range of flavors of black fruits, smoke, and bacon with a touch of black pepper. Supple tannins, soft acidity, and a full mouthfeel that will have you coming back for more...

## The Science



### Alcohol

14.7%

### pH

3.75

### Acidity

0.68g/100ml

### Varietal Content

100% Syrah

### Stats

116 cases produced

Harvested Sept. 30, 2018

Released July 24 2020

## The Magic



- 3–4 days cold soak; 16 days fermentation in plastic open-top bins
- 15% whole cluster fermentation
- Punched down 2–3 times per day to ensure complete fermentation
- Fermented warm to 85 degrees
- Aged for 18 months in American oak barrels (35% new)

## The Alchemists

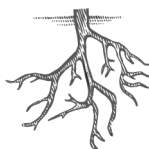
George Troquato, *Winemaker* & Alejandro Aldama, *Cellar Master*

## The Grape



Syrah, also known as Shiraz, is a rich and flavorful dark-skinned grape variety grown throughout the world. The style and flavor profile of wines made from Syrah are influenced by the climate where the grapes are grown. Cool-climate Syrahs will have red fruit with peppery and spicy notes. Warmer climates will feature riper fruit flavors, like blackberry and plum with a lushness in the profile.

## The Land



The San Bernabe appellation has a moderate climate, similar to that of the Rhone Valley. It is located by the Salinas River on the east to the foothills of the Santa Lucia mountains on the West. The soil is a sandy loam. San Bernabe is open to the cooling breezes and sea fogs that are funneled down the Salinas Valley from the cool Monterey Bay. The vineyard site is influenced by this cool air by night and the warm days that reflect the aromas, color and spice of the specific terroir.

## The Season

In 2018, rainfall was more than adequate, allowing the vines to fully recover from the 5 year drought cycle. Temperatures were perfect throughout the year. This was truly a winemakers ideal growing season, producing grapes that were fully ripe, long hang times with above-average crop size. Given these conditions, 2018 was an excellent vintage.

