



## WINEMAKER NOTES

OM captivates with complex aromatics of wild herbs, dark fruit, and a floral element. It balances power without heaviness. Elegant, balanced, and food-friendly. Fine tannins glide across the tongue, extending the finish, with firm structure and complex aromatics and flavors on the back end. With its enormous aging potential, this wine is a versatile and enticing choice for cellaring.

## WINEMAKING

Cases:	22
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	1
% Whole cluster:	60%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels   Aging:	100% neutral French oak   30 months
Alcohol:	13.6%
Brix:	23.8
pH at harvest:	3.47
Finished pH:	3.72
Finished TA:	7.0 g/L
Harvest date:	10/9/2020
Bottling date:	March 2023
Release date:	Fall 2024

## 2020 VINTAGE

2020 was a whirlwind harvest in a less-than-normal year. Fruit came in relatively early due to a warm summer, but fruit quality was incredibly high. With decent rainfall, vines were healthy and a warm spring helped usher in a balanced crop. Chardonnay and Pinot began ripening in late August. A bit of heat at the beginning of harvest kicked things off with a bang, but moderate temperatures throughout the fall kept Rhônes on the vine a little longer. The 2020 wines show good flavor concentration and depth, while still retaining their balance and freshness.

## STA. RITA HILLS

The Sta. Rita Hills AVA is significantly impacted by its proximity to the ocean (10 miles), consistent morning/evening fog, and steady afternoon winds. These cooling trends are not only perfectly suited to growing Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Grenache, and Syrah, but also serve to prolong the growing season, allowing for heightened varietal flavor intensity. Additionally, the area's cool climate and vineyards' calcareous rock and sand help produce grapes with natural acidity and flavor balance.

## ACCOLADES

95 points - *Vinous* The 2020 Syrah OM is a single barrel of Zotovich. Bright and focused, with gorgeous aromatic presence and tons of savory intensity, the 2020 sparkles with energy and purity of fruit. Red/purplish fruit, rose petal, lavender, mint and orange peel build into the crystalline finish. This is an outstanding wine. -Antonio Galloni

93 points - *Wine & Spirits* Fermented as whole clusters, OM is a blend of two selected barrels. It's composed and quiet when first poured, a well-structured syrah, neither oaky nor pushed, leading with sweet smoke and black tea scents over mulled berry flavors. As it opens over the course of three days, it develops finesse in silky tannins while lively acids give it a natural freshness. (22 cases) —P.J.C.