



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Santa Barbara County

SOIL TYPE
Sand, granite and clay loam.
Large rocks of schist, quartzite,
basalt, and gneiss

VARIETAL(S)
1% Viognier
18% Syrah
81% Mourvèdre

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Jim Binns



2019 Andremily Winery Mourvèdre

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ABOUT THE PRODUCER

At Andremily we are committed to creating truly special handcrafted wines in an artisan manner, our focus will remain on creating wines of distinction, never compromising for the sake of quantity.

Andremily has one offering each fall, which is shipped the following spring. Working with vineyard sites that they feel offer the truest sense of what California Syrah has to offer. They take farming seriously, working diligently to promote vineyard health, and limit yields. They do this to help ensure the highest level of quality both now and in the future.

After working with the fruit from White Hawk Vineyard for the better part of a decade while working at Sine Qua Non, they knew just how special this Vineyard was. They couldn't have been more excited, when Manfred and Elaine generously offered them the opportunity to take over the two blocks Sine Qua Non had farmed since White Hawk was planted in 2000.

The White Hawk Vineyard is planted on nearly pure sand on the south facing slope of Cat Canyon in Santa Barbara County. White Hawks proximity to the Pacific Ocean helps to insure a cool even growing season. The often nutrient deficient sandy soils cause the vines to struggle, yielding wines with greater concentration, and intense aromatics.

The Larner Vineyard established in 1999 is the southernmost Vineyard in Ballard Canyon in Santa Barbara County. The Vineyard is entirely south facing, with predominantly sandy soils. They are very pleased to be given the opportunity to work with the Larner's, and the Larner Vineyard.

Alta Mesa Vineyard, established in 2000, is located in the Cuyama Valley of Santa Barbara County. Alta Mesa sits perched above Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard at 3200 feet in elevation. This vineyard easily has the most extreme climate of all the sites with which they work. It can on occasion reach triple digits in the peak summer afternoons. They feel this is the perfect climate for the Mourvedre we source there. The soils consist of decomposed granite and clay loam. There are large rocks of schist, quartzite, basalt, and gneiss throughout the Alta Mesa Vineyard.

WINE NOTES

The Andremily Mourvèdre is a blend of 81% Mourvedre from the Alta Mesa, and Larner Vineyards, co-fermented with 18% Syrah and 1% Viognier from the White Hawk Vineyard.

The Mourvèdre, while stacked packed and all that, offers a bit more refinement than its older siblings, with softer tannins, and more length. This Beauty has soaring aromatics of chocolate, roasted meats, baked blueberries and plums, along with hints of tar and subtle earthy notes. A velvety texture, and plenty of length make this wine an absolute delight to drink.

96-98 points, "Few out there do this variety better than Jim Binns, and the 2019 Mourvedre is stunning stuff, offering classic smoked meats, iron, ground pepper, kirsch, and darker fruits. I love its tannins, it's full-bodied, and has richness with no sensation of weight or heaviness, followed by a great finish. The blend is 81% Mourvedre, 18% Syrah, and 1% Viognier that saw lots of stems (75%) and will spend 21 months in 50% new wood." - Jeb Dunnuck