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LOS ANGELES

2019 Pragmatic, Los Angeles County

Pragmatic is one of our most unique wines. A blend of Malbec and Petite Sirah, it highlights the unique terroir of L.A.'s high desert, and is a laser focused expression of the varietal's fruit character.

Vintage Notes

2019 just might be the vintage of the decade. In a rare aligning of the stars, every element of this growing season went flawlessly. A late bud break was followed by even flowering, with a mild spring void of heat spikes, allowing for a great fruit set. The summer, while hot, saw its warmest days by the end of August, allowing the grapes to hang on the vines abnormally long, while maintaining exceptional acidity as flavors continued to develop right up to harvest.

Winegrowing & Production Notes

The Los Angeles Malbec that is the star of Pragmatic comes from the Smith Family Vineyard on the north end of the Antelope Valley in an area known as Antelope Acres. The arid climate and sandy soils make the perfect conditions for growing this expressive, fruit forward, Bordeaux varietal. The fruit was all hand-picked, cold soaked for 24 hours after crush, then fermented in an open top bin. The wine spent 22 months in 2nd fill barrels, allowing the intense fruit to shine through, before blending with 20% Petite Sirah, which adds tannin and structure.

Tasting Notes

Candied sugar plums and violets lead the charge on the assertive nose, with hints tea and earth. The palate delivers juicy red plums and black raspberries, with blueberry, making it soft and inviting. Subtle notes of vanilla spice and holiday fruitcake ride out the finish.

Technical Notes

Vintage:	2019
Varietal(s):	80% Malbec, 20% Petite Sirah
Appellation:	Los Angeles County
Vineyard Designation:	Smith Family Vineyards
Titratable Acidity:	.765
pH:	3.76
Fermentation:	Open Top Bin
Aging:	22 months in French oak, 2nd fill barrels
Bottling Date:	July 17th, 2021
Alcohol:	15%
Production:	65 cases
Suggested Retail:	$50.00 / bottle - 750ml