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## HARVEST 2019

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started with just above average rain totals, which was ideal because that gets the year off to a slow start, giving the vines time to mature. Then came cool, windy weather during flowering. This reduced the crop, resulting in 20% and up to 50% lower yields than average, depending on the vineyard. The good news is that low yields usually go hand in hand with intense, yet balanced wines. 2019 will be known for an early harvest brought on by a heat spike, but Syrah and Grenache are late-harvesting, thick-skinned grapes and were not affected. The 2019's remind me a lot of the 2017's (one of my favorite vintages). They are well balanced, fruit-driven, full and round with fresh, mouth-watering brightness.

## 2020 HARVEST

# 2020

The fruit from looks beautiful, rich, and dark. We've had a lot of heat, including record-breaking numbers of 117 degrees in Los Olivos! But proper water management has led to a balanced and complex crop with deep intensity. We look forward to a bold lineup of 2020 wines. With that said, we feel very blessed that we have not suffered from fires during this 2020 harvest. Our hearts go out to the wineries up north that have had so many struggles.



## OCTOBER 2020

### ALL ABOUT OLIVER ...



*Joey & Oliver Tensley*

Oliver is towering over... well, most everyone these days at over 6'3"! He just started his senior year, on zoom, of course. He's doing great in school, busily studying for the ACT, and working hard on his college essays. His plan is to head to college in the LA area and take an internship with the LA Galaxy soccer team. His high school soccer team won the championship for the Southern California district! And he's hard at work helping Dad and the guys in the winery. We don't know how he does it all! As for the fact that he'll be leaving the nest ... Mom is trying not to focus on that. We're just focusing on how proud we are!



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# ▶ WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS ◀

## 2018 OGT Syrah

This year's BMT is made up of 50% Rodney's Vineyard Syrah, 25% Colson Canyon Vineyard Syrah, and 25% Colson Canyon Grenache. This dance of warm climate vineyards makes for a very round, fruit-forward wine that brims with notes of black raspberries, orange blossoms and bacon. This wine is named for our niece, Bailey Michelle Tensley, and like Bailey herself, it is elegant yet powerful. Enjoy this wine now or over the next 10 to 12 years.

Price: \$98.00

Cellar Club Price: \$83.30

Cases Produced: 252

## 2018 BMT Syrah

The tried and true blend of the OGT Syrah, named for our son, Oliver Gunnar Tensley, has stood the test of time. Made up of 50% Colson Canyon Vineyard Syrah, 25% Thompson Vineyard Syrah, and 25% Tensley Syrah, this vintage of OGT offers up inky color and focused notes of stone fruit, berries, and pepper elevated by bright acidity and spice. Like our son himself this wine shows character, strength and depth. Drink this wine now or age it up to 12 years.

Price: \$98.00

Cellar Club Price: \$83.30

Cases Produced: 245



## TASTING IN THE TIME OF COVID



We are still open for tasting, and we are strictly following CDC guidelines. We love seeing everyone, and we hope you'll visit us if you're in the area. We have new hours. We're now open every day! Our hours are 11am to 5pm. We wish you all the best of health, and we hope to see you!

## ALL ABOUT BAILEY



Congratulations are in order for beautiful Bailey! She and her partner, Tyler, tied the knot recently, and they could not be happier! Baby Weston just turned two and is a little bundle of joy. Other than that, to quote Bailey, "we're pretty boring." Doesn't sound boring to us!

Bailey, Tyler and Weston



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