



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:
95% Petite Sirah, 5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.47

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 18 months in 19% new
French oak

BOTTLED: July 6, 2020 unfiltered



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SMALL LOT PETITE SIRAH

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2018

IN THE VINEYARD

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Our Small Lot Collection Petite Sirah grapes are from our Biodynamic and organically grown Estate vineyard in Rutherford and from a vineyard in Oak Knoll which adds texture to the wine. The Petit Verdot is also from another grower within Rutherford and seamlessly blends the Petite Sirah together which adding balance to the tannins. The wine was aged for 18 months in 19% new Berthomieu French oak barrels before bottling unfiltered.

WINE PROFILE

This wine opens with dark fruit aromas of black cherry, blackberry and cardamom. Structured with powerful flavors of boysenberry and blueberry, there is a touch of spice and espresso woven into the textured palate. Well-balanced with fine-grained tannins, this is a delightful wine with a finish that is bold and lingers.

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