



2012 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Petite Sirah



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 93% Petite Sirah, 7% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.61

TA: 5.57 g/L

Aging: 18 months in French oak, 20% new

Case Production: 250 Cases

In the Vineyard

"Classic" and "perfect" are just two accolades being bestowed upon the 2012 Napa Valley growing season and harvest. Textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool, foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until Napa Valley's treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

Conversations With The Winemaker

Our Small Lot Collection Petite Sirah grapes come from rocky-river soil in the Rutherford Appellation with Oak Knoll Petit Verdot added to enhance the wine's textural balance. Fermentation took place for 12-16 total days on the skins. This Petite Sirah is 100% barrel-aged for 18 months in Demptos, Nadalie, and Saury French Oak barrels.

Wine Profile

This wine opens with classic notes of anise, allspice, blueberry, and huckleberry. A thick, dense, and balanced wine, this Petite Sirah has a velvety, plush mouth-feel. The palate offers spicy and jammy notes of boysenberry with hints of earth and minerality, followed by a seamless finish. A fine complement to mint lamb or grilled venison.