

N A P A VALLEY

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2014 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Petite Sirah



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 90% Petite Sirah, 10% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.67

TA: 5.9 g/L

Aging: 18 months in French Oak, 25% new

Case Production: 282 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2014 vintage in Napa Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, our team was able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Our Small Lot Collection Petite Sirah and Malbec grapes come from our Biodynamically and organically grown Estate vineyards as well as from a northern Napa Valley vineyards in the hills at around 1200ft elevation. Fermentation took place for 12-16 total days on the skins in Stainless Steel tanks. This Petite Sirah is 100% barrel-aged for 18 months in French oak and 25% new French oak (Berthomieu).

WINE PROFILE

This 2014 Small Lot Petite Sirah is an inky, robust wine that opens with notes of blackberry, blueberry and cardamom. The rich and plush mouthfeel is complemented by a balanced tannic structure with jammy and spicy notes on the palate. Well-balanced and imposing, this wine is ready to drink but will also age beautifully and is the perfect complement to a delicious marbled steak.