

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

2015 Small Lot Collection Napa Valley Petite Sirah



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Napa Valley

Varietal: 90% Petite Sirah, 5% Malbec,
4% Cabernet Sauvignon. 1% Merlot

Alcohol: 15.0%

pH: 3.71

TA: 5.5 g/L

Aging: Aged for 18 months in French oak,
20% new French oak

Case Production: 275 cases

IN THE VINEYARD

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. Harvest began as early as July 22, one of the earliest harvests recorded and concluded by mid-October. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Our Small Lot Collection Petite Sirah and Malbec grapes come from our biodynamically and organically grown Estate vineyards. After a short maceration, fermentation took place with 27 days on the skins. This Petite Sirah is 100% barrel-aged for 18 months in Radoux and Leroi French oak barrels, 20% new French oak.

WINE PROFILE

This 2015 Small Lot Petite Sirah opens with notes of blackberry, blueberry and a touch of cardamom. Jammy and spicy notes coat the palate with a rich and plush mouthfeel. Well-balanced and imposing, this wine is ready to drink but, will continue to age beautifully.