



## 2013 OLD VINE PETITE SIRAH

### TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Contra Costa County

Varietal: 100% Petite Sirah

Production: 1,969 Cases

Alcohol: 15.3%

Barrel Program: 18 months in barrel

### TASTING NOTES

This is ink in a bottle! The color is highly extracted from the 100+ year old vines. Too many people pass by the Petite Sirah in favor of Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine represents an excellent value for a full-bodied wine. The nose offers dense aromatics of fruitcake, brier, vanilla, baking spices, and strawberry. The palate is dominated by jammy blackberry, with notes of espresso and spice. The palate is structured with complex layers of uber ripe dark fruit, dried cherry, persistent oak and a vanilla tinged finish. Aged exclusively in American oak barrels.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes are handpicked and de-stemmed. Must is pumped to our temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, and then inoculated with a wine yeast selected for its hardiness and alcohol tolerance. Once the wine has extracted the desired level of tannins, the grapes are pressed. Both free run and press juices are combined to enhance the wine's structure. The wine is pumped over 4 times daily to optimize bright fruit. Barrel-aged in once used American oak from our Chardonnay program for 18 months.

### VINEYARD NOTES

The Petite Sirah comes from the Gonsalves Vineyard in Oakley. Deep sandy soils with root systems that stretch almost 60 feet deep make this area extremely unique for growing Petite Sirah. These vineyards are well over 100 years old and have survived both phylloxera and prohibition.

### 91 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST

"This is a keeper. Smoky, charred aromas, rich dark-fruit flavors like blackberry and boysenberry and meaty, peppery accents fill up this full-bodied and very firmly textured wine. It will get even more interesting with age; try it after 2020." – 10/2016

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$35

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