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## Petite Sirah 2019 + PASO ROBLES

## WINE ENTHUSIAST 93 POINTS

Petite Sirah is a classic variety grown in California for more than a century, and is well suited to the limiting soils found in our estate vineyards in Paso Robles.

The fruit for our 2019 Petite Sirah was handpicked in the early morning and sorted to ensure quality and uniformity of ripeness. The clusters were further sorted at our new state of the art winery, gently destemmed, optically berry sorted and crushed into temperaturecontrolled stainless steel tanks where pumpovers took place regularly to extract color and tannins from the skins. After pressing, the wine was racked into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and aging. While the majority of this vintage was aged in French oak barrels, a portion went into American and Hungarian oak barrels to add complexity. Upon extensive blending trials after eight months of aging, the final lots were selected and blended for overall synergies - structure and minerality from Creston Valley, along with silkiness and expressive fruit from Jardine. The blend was then aged for an additional 12 months in barrels to fully integrate before bottling. The result is a wine displaying complexity, structure, richness and balance.

## Tasting Notes

COLOR: Opaque garnet

AROMA: Boysenberry and vanilla with hints of fine tobacco and white pepper TASTE: Full-bodied with juicy dark fruits, vanilla and a lively yet creamy finish

## Technical Notes

HARVEST DATES BRIX° VINEYARD VARIETY

10.09.19 - 10.16.19 **J**ardine Petite Sirah 57% 26.2 Creston Valley Petite Sirah 43%

20 months in French, Hungarian and American oak barrels AGING:

06.22.21 BOTTLING DATE: CASES PRODUCED: 3,462 14.5% ALCOHOL: PH: 3.59 TOTAL ACIDITY:  $6.2 \, g/L$ 



