



## Petite Sirah

## 2016 + CRESTON VALLEY VINEYARD + PASO ROBLES

The microclimate and soils in our estate Creston Valley Vineyard, located southeast of Paso Robles, encouraged us to bottle this limited-production Petite Sirah for the sixth consecutive vintage. Rolling hills, picture perfect exposure and limiting, shallow soils with noticeable limestone all contributed to exceptional concentrated Petite Sirah fruit from this vineyard.

Selected from a small upper portion of an elevated block with chalky soils, the grapes were handpicked and sorted for quality in the vineyard. The fruit was crushed into small stainless steel tanks where variable pump-over techniques were implemented during progressive stages of fermentation to enhance fruit extraction and balance out the tannin structure. The wine was then lightly pressed and transferred to French and Hungarian oak barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. This exceptional lot, bottled unfined and unfiltered, is representative of the Creston Valley terroir - where the vineyard's limestone soil is expressed through the wine's structured, yet velvety tannins.

## Tasting Notes

COLOR: Inky garnet

AROMA: Ripe boysenberry and cola with notes of white pepper and vanilla

TASTE: Full-bodied, dark berries, mouth-filling creamy tannins with a long, rich finish

## Technical Notes

HARVEST DATES BRIX° VINEYARD VARIETY

09.26.16 - 09.27.16 26.3 Creston Valley Petite Sirah 100%

AGING: 20 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels

BOTTLING DATE: 06.04.18
RELEASE DATE: 05.01.19
CASES PRODUCED: 586
ALCOHOL: 15.0%
PH: 3.94
TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.1 g/L

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