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Petite Sirah 2018 + 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 2018 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 plum with notes of caramel and a hint of white pepper TASTE: Full-bodied with dark fruits, caramel and a rich creamy finish

Technical Notes

 Harvest dates
 Brix°

 10.11.18 - 10.24.18
 24.5

VINEYARD Creston Valley Jardine VARIETY Petite Sirah 60% Petite Sirah 40%

AGING:
BOTTLING DATE:
RELEASE DATE:
CASES PRODUCED
ALCOHOL:
PH:
TOTAL ACIDITY:

20 months in French, Hungarian, and American oak barrels 06.22.20 08.01.20 2,918 14.5% 3.87



5.4 g/L