

2011 PETITE SIRAH – CRESTON VALLEY VINEYARD

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

The grapes for this vintage were handpicked and sorted for quality in the vineyard. The fruit was fermented in small stainless steel tanks and bins. Over three days, the must was allowed to “cold soak” to extract color and flavor prior to the start of fermentation. Pump-overs and punch-downs took place frequently over a ten-day period before the juice was pressed off and transferred to French oak barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. This exceptional lot warranted a separate bottling. Distinctive of the Creston Valley terroir, the vineyard’s limestone soil is expressed through the wine’s chalky tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Garnet

Aroma: Dark plum and boysenberry with hints of fine tobacco and spice

Taste: Full-bodied with good acidity and a firm structure; dark fruit tones and notes of mineral unfold into a lingering finish

RECOMMENDATIONS

Serve at: 62° – 65° F

Enjoy now through 2018

Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F

Pairing suggestions: Rack of lamb, braised short ribs or your favorite cut of beef

TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date	Brix ^o	Vineyard	Variety
10.17.11 – 10.19.11	25.8	Creston Valley	Petite Sirah 100%

Aging: 18 months in French and Hungarian oak barrels

Bottling date: 06.03.13

Release date: 09.01.14

Cases produced: 339

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.75

Total acidity: 6.4 g/L



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*A limited-release Petite Sirah showcasing
the potential of the Paso Robles AVA*