

# Aaron

## 2018 Petite Sirah

Paso Robles

### ABOUT THE WINE

The flagship Petite Sirah is always comprised of selected barrels from all our vineyards, each of which bring forth a different element of depth and complexity to the final blend. High elevation, limestone-rich vineyards in the Willow Creek and Adelaida districts bring dense fruit, concentration, and lively acidity. Siliceous and alluvial soils in the Templeton Gap district bring aromatics, savory nuance, and powerful tannins. Syrah rounds of the mid-palate and lends spice to the blend. The final wine is massive and powerfully built, yet retains an amazing elegance.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Each of the vineyard lots were hand picked and hand sorted prior to processing into small open top fermentors. The fruit was cold-soaked at 48F for 4-6 days, until a spontaneous native fermentation began. Delastage was performed for the first 5 days, followed by hand punchdowns for a total of 25-35 days of skin contact. Lots were pressed directly to 300L French oak hogsheads and 400L puncheons, 70% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

Incredibly rich and concentrated, the 2018 showcases the density of this great vintage. Bursting with dark fruits of boysenberry, maracino cherry, and dried blueberry, it also showcases a tremendously spicy, peppery note. On the palate, the wine explodes with dark fruits that are lifted by the fresh acidity and framed by sweet, smoky oak. A full mid palate carries through into the long finish where the fruit lingers and the wines inherent spice builds alongside its chunky tannins.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Blend: 87% Petite Sirah, 12% Syrah, 1% Petit Verdot  
Vineyards: Rolph, Briarwood, Dusi, St. Peter of Alcantara, Portico Hills, G2, Kimsey  
Elevage: 22 months in 70% new French oak hogsheads and puncheons  
Alcohol: 15.6%  
Production: 446 cases

