

Aaron

2020 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 and lively acidity. Siliceous and alluvial soils in the Templeton Gap district bring aromatics, savory nuance, and powerful tannins. Syrah rounds out 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 twice prior to processing into small open top fermentors. The fruit was cold-soaked for 4 days, followed by a warm (82-90F) fermentation with twice daily pumpovers and manual punch downs for a total of 25-35 days of skin contact. Lots were pressed directly to 300L French oak hogsheads, 70% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Showcasing an aromatic profile of melted black fruits, charred oak, cracked pepper, bay leaf, and toasted marshmallow notes, the 2020 is a blockbuster from the start. The powerful palate is surprisingly lively, showing loads of blackberry and blue fruits along with mocha, dark roast coffee, olive brine, and chili powder. The rich mid palate leads into a long finish that showcases youthful tannins and sweet oak, along with notes of salted caramel and cocoa powder. Perhaps more elegant than recent vintages, but still with the characteristic richness and texture of our house style.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 87% Petite Sirah, 13% Syrah

VINEYARDS: Dusi, Briarwood, Paper Street, Maison Mason, St. Peter of Alcantara, G2, Kimsey

ELEVAGE: 22 months in 70% new 300L French oak hogsheads

ALCOHOL: 15.6%

PRODUCTION: 496 cases



~ BOUNDARIES ARE FEW ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ~