

Aaron

2021 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 (82-92F) fermentation with twice daily pumpovers and manual punch downs for a total of 25-30 days of skin contact. Lots were pressed directly to 300L French oak hogsheads, 60% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES.

Aromas of dense blackberry fruit, plum, and fig paste accompany bay leaf, black licorice, roasted coffee, and toasty oak notes. A thick, textural wine, the palate is also super fresh and energetic, showing more blackberry, dried plum, black pepper, and dark chocolate notes. Medium to full bodied, it brings an elegance to match the typical power of Petite Sirah, and its limestone-driven acidity keeps the wine perky and enjoyable to drink. Still young today, it will cruise gracefully in the cellar for decades.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 85% Petite Sirah, 15% Syrah

VINEYARDS: G2, Caelesta, Dusi, Briarwood, St. Peter of Alcantara, Nolan Ranch

ELEVAGE: 22 months in 60% new 300L French oak hogsheads

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

PRODUCTION: 556 cases



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93-95 PTS

~ BOUNDARIES ARE FEW ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ~