

Aaron

2022 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 and 225L barrels, 50% new for 22 months of elevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES.

Powerful and dark as always, the 2022 leads with a touch more savory aromas at first, before the waves of dark, concentrated fruit begin to unfold. Cocoa powder, roasted coffee, and beef broth notes frame up classic Petite Sirah fruit aromatics of dried black cherry, plum, and blueberry. Powerful on the attack, the palate quickly drives towards a massive mid palate showing more dark cherry and concentrated blackberry flavors, followed by black pepper and toasted oak flavors. The finish is still youthful and sappy, with a structure that will begin to soften in late 2025 and will continue to evolve for many years.

TECHNICAL DATA

BLEND: 84% Petite Sirah, 16% Syrah

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

ELEVAGE: 22 months in 50% new 225L barrels and 300L French oak hogsheads

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

PRODUCTION: 462 cases



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93-95 PTS

~ BOUNDARIES ARE FEW ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ~