

Aaron

2019 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, 50% new for 22 months of élevage without racking. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe, concentrated aromas of black cherry syrup, fig, dark roast coffee, cocoa powder and pepper-crusted steak dominate the nose. On the palate, a huge attack of black and blue fruits are ripe and bright thanks to the brilliant natural acidity, framed by an underlying spice component that leans towards asian spices. Hoisin, anise, and dried fruit leather notes move into a long finish that echoes sweet oak, mocha, and grippy yet pleasant tannins.

TECHNICAL DATA

Blend: 85% Petite Sirah, 15% Syrah

Vineyards: Dusi, Briarwood, Rolph, G2, Portico Hills, Kimsey

Elevage: 22 months in 50% new 300L French oak hogsheads

Alcohol: 15.6%

Production: 462 cases



~ BOUNDARIES ARE FEW ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED ~