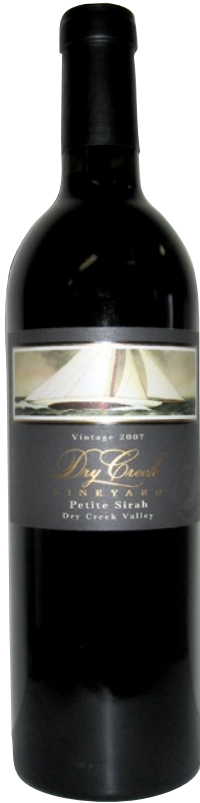


2007 PETITE SIRAH – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

The Petite Sirah varietal has traditionally played an important role in our effort to produce world class Zinfandel. We blend Petite Sirah into all of our Zinfandel bottlings to give the wine a solid back bone of fleshy tannins, ripe fruit, and excellent acidity. With the 2007 vintage, we bottled a small amount of Petite Sirah to more fully express this incredible variety. Produced from several benchmark hillside vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley, this memorable wine is rich, ripe, and very concentrated.

GROWING SEASON

The 2007 vintage will go down as perhaps one of the finest vintages in the past 20 years. A near perfect set in the vineyard was followed by superb growing conditions in the early and late spring months. The weather remained warm and dry during the growing and harvest seasons, with moderate temperatures, allowing the grapes to achieve full maturity and flavor potential.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2007 Petite Sirah is characterized by a deep, inky color that is so densely hued, it appears almost black in color. Aromas of black cherry, cigar box, sandalwood, and spice leap from the glass. A few more swirls reveal a subtle black pepper and earthy notes. On the palate, the wine is robust and immense with concentrated flavors of blackberry, mocha, and espresso. The tannins are firm, but not overpowering, and there is a silky texture to the wine which plays nicely with the subtle spicy components and earthy characters. The finish is velvety and smooth with a long, lingering aftertaste.

SUGGESTED CALIFORNIA \$28/bottle
RETAIL PRICE

PRODUCTION 186 cases

RELEASE DATE February 1, 2010

BLEND 90% Petite Sirah, 10% Zinfandel

APPELLATION Dry Creek Valley

HARVEST DATES September 10 - October 6, 2007

ALCOHOL 13.9%

BRIX 23.8

FERMENTATION Fermented 14 days at 85° F.

BARREL AGING 18 months in American, French and Hungarian oak, 25% new oak.

PH 3.85

TA .54g/100mL

SOILS Mainly hillside fruit with both eastern and western facing sun exposure.

VINE AGE 20+ years

YIELDS 4-5 tons per acre

