

# THE TERRACES

2015 Petite Sirah

NAPA VALLEY



Varietal: 97.2% Petite Sirah  
2.8% Zinfandel

Cases: 441

Alcohol: 14.9%

Bottled: April 14, 2017

Released: February 1, 2018

Suggest Retail: \$42

Vineyard: The Petite Sirah comes from the Dollar Ranch which is located in the Chiles Valley. This historic ranch is named after an old stagecoach stop. This vineyard has fairly warm summer days, but due to higher elevation and summer fog can be quite chilly during the night, these conditions lead to late season harvests.

Vintage: Unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop. The high temperatures in August and early September accelerated maturity and picking times. Although yields were lower this is a vintage of exceptional quality.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming. Each lot went into small tanks and as both crushed and whole berries. After a log cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A mix of punch downs, pump overs and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 50% new French and American oak barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. After careful watch and several rackings the wine was blended and bottled after 19 months.

Tasting Notes: With an elegance not often seen in Petite Sirah, the 2015 vintage showcases a deep red mahogany color with aromas of black cherry, ripe blueberry, rich tobacco leaf and a touch of white peppercorn. The palate features red currant and blackberry notes complimented by rich mocha and lingering baking spices. This full bodied wine has unmatched complexity highlighted by mouth-coating tannin, bright acidity and a long finish. Drink now or cellar for 12-15 years.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspire us to create epic wine of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.