

THE TERRACES

2017 Petite Sirah

NAPA VALLEY

Varietal: 95.5% Petite Sirah
4.5% Zinfandel

Cases: 539

Alcohol: 14.6%

Bottled: April 12, 2019

Released: February 1, 2020

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, ideal for flavor development.

Vintage: Abundant rainfall broke the long drought, followed by a mild Spring. The rain and cooler temperatures resulted in sleepless nights dealing with frost and extended flowering. The growing season showed tremendous vigor thanks to the abundant Winter rainfall and the growing season proved uneventfully. Extreme heat over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear and by the start of the Valley fires on October 8th, over 95 percent of our tonnage was in. Although the fires were devastating we were able to continue our work at the winery, ensuring another top quality vintage through ongoing evaluations of our grapes, fermentations, and aging wine.

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 during fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, moved with lees to 40% new French-American hybrid and American oak barrels to finish malolactic fermentation. After several rackings the wine was blended and bottled after 19 months.

Tasting Notes: The 2017 Petite Sirah has a striking deep purple hue with intense aromas of blackberry, black cherry, red plum, coffee, cinnamon and rich cedar. The palate features black currant, bramble, blackberry, bitter dark chocolate, espresso and a touch of baking spice. This full bodied wine is incredibly balanced with soft mouth-coating tannin, bright acidity and finish that lingers. Drink now or cellar for 8-12 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.

