

# 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: \$45

**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 35% 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:** True to Petite Sirahs rich character this vintage does not disappoint with a deep inky hue inviting you in. Sumptuous aromas of baking cocoa, late season blackberries, cassis, and anise. Palate is full bodied and chewy with leathery tannins giving way to continued flavors of ripe blackberry, black currant and lingering sweet baking spices. Long supple finish. Drink now to 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.

