

# THE TERRACES

2016 Petite Sirah

NAPA VALLEY

Varietal: 95.5% Petite Sirah  
4.5% Zinfandel

Cases: 539

Alcohol: 14.4%

Bottled: April 13, 2018

Released: February 1, 2019

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:** The mild winter gave way to slightly early bud break, followed by a relatively steady and mild July and August. Thanks to a series of significantly warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness, just in time for a condensed harvest season. With the Valleys first significant Fall rainstorm arriving on October 14, the harvest season wrapped up earlier than most.

**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:** The 2016 Petite Sirah is proving to be as complex as it is rich, offering everything one loves about this varietal. The inky hue invites you into the glass with aromas of ripe blackberry, blueberry and savory bacon with a touch of baking spice and maple. The palate features rich black cherry, blackberry and red plum complimented by dark chocolate with hints of espresso and spice. This full bodied wine is highlighted by balanced mouth-coating tannin, and bright acidity with a 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.

