

THE TERRACES

2019 Petite Sirah

NAPA VALLEY



Varietal: 96% Petite Sirah, 4 % Zinfandel

Cases: 294

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: April 17, 2021

Released: February 1, 2022

Suggest Retail: \$45.00

Vineyard: The Petite Sirah grapes 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 its higher elevation and summer fog the temperatures can be quite chilly during the night, ideal for flavor development.

Vintage: The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

Production: The grapes were hand picked and sorted before being de-stemmed. Each lot went into small tanks as both crushed and whole berries. After a long 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 and 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 2018 Petite Sirah has a striking deep ruby hue with intense aromas of blackberry, vanilla, mocha, and black mission fig. The palate features black fruits, chocolate, espresso and a touch of baking spice. This full-bodied wine is incredibly balanced with soft, mouth coating tannin, bright acidity and a luxurious finish that lingers. Drink now or cellar for 10+ years.