

THE TERRACES

2012 Petite Sirah

NAPA VALLEY

Varietal: 93.3% Petite Sirah
6.7% Zinfandel

Cases: 335

Alcohol: 14.6%

Bottled: May 3, 2013

Released: February 15, 2015

Suggest Retail: \$38.00

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: After several difficult years 2012 was a delightful vintage. Almost textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing 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 20 months.

Tasting Notes: Just like the 2011, this is a HUGE wine! Deep purple. Rich, ripe aromas of blackberry, cassis, licorice, and black pepper. Palate is mouth-coating with continued flavors of ripe blackberry, blueberry, black currant with lingering sweet spices and leathery tannins. Big finish. Drink now to 10-15 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.

