

THE TERRACES

2014 Petite Sirah

NAPA VALLEY

Varietal: 93.3% Petite Sirah
6.7% Zinfandel

Cases: 368

Alcohol: 14.9%

Bottled: April 8, 2016

Released: February 1, 2017

Suggest Retail: \$42.00

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: Close to ideal, a third consecutive epic vintage. Although a drought year, late spring rains provided ample moisture to the vines to develop a strong canopy with above average yields. A relatively cool summer with few heat spikes resulted in beautiful fruit through veraison and ripening. Terrific Fall weather ensured grapes reached ideal maturity.

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: This is a HUGE wine! Deep inky purple hue. Rich, ripe aromas of blackberry, cassis, licorice, black pepper and baking cocoa. Palate is mouth-coating and chewy with continued flavors of ripe blackberry, blueberry, black currant with lingering sweet spices and leathery tannins. Long supple 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.

