Petite Sirah

2015 • PASO ROBLES

Petite Sirah is a classic grape grown in California for more than a century, and is well suited to the limiting soils found in our estate vineyards in Paso Robles.

The fruit for our 2015 Petite Sirah was handpicked in the early morning and sorted to ensure quality and uniformity of ripeness. The clusters were destemmed and gently crushed into temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks where pumpovers took place regularly to enhance color and help extract tannins from the skins. After pressing, the wine was racked into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and aging. While the majority was aged in French oak, we also used some American and Hungarian oak barrels for added nuance and complexity. Upon extensive blending trials after eight months of aging, the final lots were selected and blended for overall synergies - structure and minerality from Creston Valley, along with silkiness and expressive fruit from Jardine. The blend was then aged for an additional 12 months in barrels to fully integrate before bottling. The result is a wine displaying complexity, structure, richness and balance.

Tasting Notes

COLOR: Opaque garnet
AROMA: Blackberry with notes of Amaretto and mocha
TASTE: Full-bodied with dark fruits and a rich creamy finish

Technical Notes

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AGING: 20 months in French, Hungarian, and American oak barrels
BOTTLING DATE: 06.15.17
RELEASE DATE: 09.30.18
CASES PRODUCED: 522
ALCOHOL: 14.1%
PH: 3.87
TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.6 g/L

Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker