

PEDRONCELLI



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This richly flavored grape, long known for its intense characteristics, has been grown side by side with Zinfandel in Dry Creek Valley for over 100 years. Petite Sirah has been planted on our home ranch since the early 1900s and used in our Zinfandel production as a key part of the blend. The 'family' connection is with Carol Bushnell who is a third generation Pedroncelli; her vineyard has been a source of fruit since the 1940s. The resulting blend contains a combination of fruit from Estate and Bushnell vineyards.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was harvested the third week of September following a very good growing season with plenty of rain. Even and slow ripening during the growing season, helped by mild temperatures, developed soft tannins and excellent aromas and flavors. The complexity of the vintage will frame the wine.

The fruit was crushed into stainless steel tanks where frequent pumping-over of the juice during fermentation allowed the young wine a substantial increase in extraction of color and flavor. The wine was aged for fifteen months in small American oak barrels, one third new oak.

Tasting Notes

Deep dark purple in the glass. Our rich, full bodied Petite Sirah offers aromas of blueberries, red plum and hints of vanilla. Deep and complex flavors of blueberry, black cherry, black pepper and vanilla. There is nothing 'petite' about this wine and it is well structured with firm tannins and a smoky finish. It has the structure to age well over many years.

Technical Information

APPELLATION Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

COMPOSITION 100% Petite Sirah

BARREL AGING 15 months in American oak

ALCOHOL 14.9%

рН 3.80

TOTAL ACIDITY .600g/100mg

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