



2022 DRY CREEK VALLEY PETITE SIRAH



HARVEST: September 2, 2022

BLEND: 98% Petite Sirah
2% Zinfandel

BRIX: average 25°

TA: 0.61g/100ml **pH:** 3.5

RS: 0.4% **ABV:** 14.9%

BOTTLED: May 28, 2024

PRODUCTION: 339 cases (12/750ml)

Winemaking: The fruit was handled in the gentlest way possible, hand-sorted, and fermented in small open-top fermenters with the fewest hand punch-downs needed daily. As usual, the goal is to extract all of the beautiful Petite Sirah aroma, but to discourage harsh tannins. The malolactic fermentation was done in barrels; aging was done in 25% new French oak barrels for about 18 months.

Vineyard: The Grapes are from Coyote Ridge's upper block Vineyard situated almost in the middle of Dry Creek Valley. This is our 21st vintage from the tiny 1.2-acre vineyard, planted on decomposed rocks and brick red Manzanita-type soils very well suited for low pH Petites with deep red color and solid, age-worthy structure. The vineyard is about 28 years old now and dry-farmed.

The Vintage: According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, 2022 was the driest year in the last 128 years. The good news is that we did not have fires in Sonoma County. The quality was very high across all varieties with notably smaller berry and cluster sizes, packing a stellar quality 2022 vintage. The yields, as one may suspect, were down about 18% on average

Winemaker's Description: The wine has very distinct blue and blackberry aromas, with hints of violets, followed by subtle aromas of vanilla, brown sugar, cinnamon, and slight toast and smokiness. The mouthfeel is solid, medium-bodied, and very soft and elegant (for Petite Sirah) tannins that accentuate the wine's long and juicy finish. Petite Sirah wines, when balanced, are very versatile food-pairing wines. This wine will satisfy your palate with many of your favorite dishes. Also Petite can give most Cabernet Sauvignons a "run for the money" when pairing with grilled meats and longevity. The wine is delicious now but with some patience and proper aging in 3-8 years, it will be even better.