



CINNABAR
WINERY

2021 PETITE SIRAH

Santa Clara Valley Denice Vineyard

Vineyards

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Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15.0% pH: 3.55

Acidity: 0.67g/100ml

Production: 114 cases

Bottled: Aug 4, 2023

Release Date: May 9, 2024

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Tasting Notes

Aromas of black cherry, chocolate, and a hint of violets. Mid to high tannins, bright acidity. Pair with roasted sirloin steak with broccolini pasta, or polenta with sausage.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters. Finally, racked into French & American oak barrels for 22 months; 40% new, 40% 1 year old, and 20% neutral.

The Grape

Petite Sirah (aka, Durif) is the offspring of Syrah and Peloursin. Durif was developed in France in the mid-1800s to resist powdery mildew but was found to be less resistant to gray rot, which exists more in France than in the drier climate of California. Petite Sirah is often blended with Zinfandel to add structure and color to a wine and, of course, is also a fantastic standalone wine.

The Land

Denice Ranch is located on the west side of the Santa Clara Valley, at the base of the foothills. The soil is fertile and well drained. The vineyard reflects the site with a perfect balance between fruit and the canopy. Resulting in grapes with excellent color and characteristic Petite Sirah aromas of blackberry and blueberry.

The Season

The year began with sunny skies and a warm spring. With the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. The silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The Fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity. Overall, an excellent vintage!

