



Girard

2015 PETITE SIRAH NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 vintage was marked by another year of drought in the Napa Valley. While quality was high, yields were low. Fortunately, that which we did harvest was endowed with depth of character, and concentrated flavors. We were able to pick at phenolic ripeness while maintaining moderate sugar levels, affording us the chance to craft wines with moderate alcohol, lively acidity and bright fruit flavors.

VINEYARD NOTES

The fruit for this Petite Sirah was sourced from old-vine plantings in Calistoga and Pope Valley areas of the Napa Valley where a myriad of soil types coupled with warmer temperatures help the grapes develop balance and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

The nose opens with aromas of mocha and toffee, jasmine and black fruit with a savory hint of smoke. The palate is laden with jammy black fruit, and fig preserve flavors spiced up with white pepper, clove and cinnamon. The tannins are bold, ripe and integrated, creating a lingering and mouth coating finish.

ABOUT THIS WINE

This Petite Sirah has developed into a very sought-after wine in the Girard portfolio with fans of the variety looking to our bottling for the characteristic heady perfume, inky dark color, intense tannins and balanced oak integration.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 89% Petite Sirah, 11% Zinfandel | APPELLATION Napa Valley

OAK AGING 18 months in Fusion barrels comprised of French, American and Hungarian oak, 35% new

ALCOHOL 14.5% | pH 3.6 | TA .68 g/100ml | PRODUCTION 500 cases