



Girard

NAPA VALLEY

PETITE SIRAH
2013

Background

For the past 40 years, Girard has been singularly dedicated to ensuring balance in our wines. This is achieved by meticulously focusing on making choices that respect the grapes and Napa Valley heritage at each step of the winemaking process. We work closely with our long-time growers in both mountain and valley vineyards to ensure vines are nurtured to develop balanced sugar and acidity in the grapes when it comes time to harvest. In our state-of-the-art winery, we employ innovative barrel technology to bring out the ripe fruit characteristics during the fermentation and aging process. Our dedication to quality throughout the winemaking process is evident in our consistently award-winning wines that offer richness, complexity and balance in each sip.

Petite Sirah is one of the most sought after wines at Girard. Fans of the varietal look to our version for not only the dark colored, intense tannins that Petite Sirah is known for but also for balanced fruit and oak character. We source our vineyards from throughout the northern part of Napa Valley. The warmer climate from this area helps develop ripeness, while the soil types contribute to the wine's overall complexity.

Appellation

Napa Valley

Sourcing

Godward Vineyard (Calistoga), Julianna and Calla Lily Vineyards (Pope Valley)

Varietal Composition

89% Petite Sirah, 11% Zinfandel

Winemaking

After a lengthy fermentation, skins were removed so as to not over-extract the tannin and to help develop more of the complex fruit that this varietal offers. A blend of barrels from France, America and Hungary were chosen to add yet another layer of complexity to our Petite Sirah blend.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of black cherry, coffee beans, bacon and vanilla. The palate shows black currant jam, cassis, chocolate covered espresso beans and nutmeg. Bright acidity wraps around the fruit to evoke a balanced character.

Technical Data

pH 3.47

TA 7.05 g/100mL

RS 0.94 g/L

Alc. 14.5%

Wine Maker

Glenn Hugo