



Girard
NAPA VALLEY

2016 PETITE SIRAH
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VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage for Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon remained on track with previous years in terms of smaller yields of slightly smaller clusters. The quality of the lower yields remained high, in spite of early concerns about the few heat spikes during early summer months. Fortunately, cooler August temperatures slowed ripening to a luxurious pace which allowed us to harvest each parcel at optimal ripeness.

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 toffee, jasmine and bramble fruit with a savory hint of smoke. The palate is laden with jammy blackberry 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 93% Petite Sirah, 5% Mourvedre, and 2% 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** 6.9 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 500 cases