



2021 PETITE SIRAH

TASTING NOTES:

Skateboarding down a hotel hallway covered with velvet Elvis paintings and lava lamps hanging from the ceilings.

With bold tannins and a smooth balance, this lush Petite Sirah intertwines a vibrant acidity and a gentle, spicy structure to form a rounded robust wine. Dark chocolate, plums, black tea, blueberry and black pepper command the senses. Pairs well with roasted chicken with a mole sauce, aged and brie cheeses, butternut squash curry, and a winter evening stroll through the neighborhood with your dog.

VINEYARD Kick Ranch

AVA Sonoma County

PICK DATE 9/21/21

BOTTLE DATE 4/5/23

BRIX 24.2

PH 3.5

ALCOHOL 13.6%

CASES PRODUCED 172

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Every few years, we get a hankering for that comforting ambrosia of Petite Sirah. With its rich ride through the senses like curling up with a blanket in front of the fireplace, we went back to our source of Kick Ranch Vineyard to continue the tradition. Located on the west facing section of the vineyard at the Mayacamas Mountain range partially up the hill, where springtime moisture and fog hang out in the late night til late morning. Consisting of rich volcanic soil giving the vines proper nutrients to grow as well as water and stress to bring out the balance of sugars and acid. The summer of 2021 was hot, giving the fruit flavors more intensity and allowing the sharpness to drop. We handpicked the Petite Sirah around 4am on September 21st. Hand sorting and destemming the bins of clusters back at the winery, where the grapes chilled in a cool tank for three days to extra the juice for proper skin contact. Heat on the tank was raised for fermentation to begin. Pumpovers morning and early evening for the first two days, followed by punchdowns twice a day for two weeks. The wine was aged in 85% French Oak barrels, a third of those were new French, and 15% new Hungarian Oak barrels for 18 months.