



Jeff Runquist Wines

2019 “R” PETITE SIRAH, Salman Vineyard, Clarksburg



Petite Sirah was once an unheralded blending variety. Rarely mentioned, its inclusion in a blend often provided the color, depth and the backbone for many red wines from California. Today, finally, Petite Sirah is enjoying a bit of the respect it deserves. More California vintners are offering a varietal Petite Sirah than ever before. The Petite Sirah category in most wine competitions now have dozens of wines when, at the turn of the millennium, there were but a handful. It is a pleasure to see this attention paid to Petite Sirah, not just because it is our best selling varietal, but because Petite Sirah deserves it. Production techniques have advanced to the point where, as vintners, we can deliver the tremendous depth of flavor and character of Petite Sirah without the mouth-gripping tannins historically associated with this variety. I think this softness plays a major role in Petite Sirah’s growing popularity.

The 2019 vintage has a deep purple color with a magenta hue. The aromas feature ripe concentrated dark fruits; cassis, boysenberry and black raspberry. Aged in 100% new French Oak, the bouquet delivers scents of mocha, malt, and dark chocolate. On the palate, supple savory flavors of concentrated black fruits meld with those of mocha and sweet vanilla laden toasted oak. The ripe grapes that 2019 vintage provided has translated into a wine with a viscosity that coats the mouth with a luscious creamy texture. We have gone to great lengths to keep the tannins in check and the result is a full satisfying finish.

Most folks pair Petite Sirah with big hearty stews and braised meats. This is fine, but I have no qualms about enjoying this wine by itself, often as a liquid dessert.

Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah
14.8 0% Alc. 0.71 g/100ml TA 3.43 pH
Oak Regime: 12 months in 100% French Oak barrels
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