



Alcohol 14.1% by volume

ONE IRON
NAPA VALLEY PETITE SIRAH
2009

Iron Series
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Varietal Comp:	95% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot
Harvest Date:	September 28th , 2009
Brix at Harvest:	23.8-25.7
Finished pH:	3.74
Finished TA:	0.54 g/100ml
Vineyard Location:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Alcohol content:	14.1% by volume
Case production:	224 cases 750ml

The 2009 vintage was a cool and light vintage. Spring rains ended early and the summer saw few warm days. It was a great vintage for winemaking, due to the slow development of sugar and flavor in the grapes. A modest crop came into the winery with great potential that was realized in the bottle.

These dark, inky grapes were hand-picked and sorted before gentle destemming and fermentation in a small stainless steel tank for a total maceration period of 20 days. After fermentation, the wine was raked to small, mostly American oak barrels for 18 months to help “tame” the dark, brooding wine. It was bottled on June 6th , 2011 and released on September 1st, 2011. Only 224 cases were produced.

Petite Sirah, or “Pets” as the old-timers call it, is enjoying a renaissance with young and old wine lovers alike for its’ dark, teeth staining color, depth of aroma and flavor and hearty finish. It is one of the most tannic wines, and can stand up to many of the “biggest” dishes in the food world. Since wildebeest is not easily accessible, we suggest you pair this wine with your favorite steak: Porterhouse, New York or Rib Eye. Alternatively, it can be paired with strong, aged cheeses like Vermont Cheddar, Gorgonzola or Camembert. Our Petite Sirah has beautiful ripe blueberry, violet and light licorice aromas and flavors and can be the genesis for conversations of happy times past. It is truly a “retro” wine and one that is gaining in popularity again. This wine will age well for the next 5-7 years, but the delicious fruit flavors will diminish and the character of the wines will increase. Enjoy our One-Iron Petite Sirah with all occasions both grand and humble and with family and friends.

Remember: “A One-Iron is better to drink than swing!”