



Jeff Runquist Wines

2008 "R" PETITE SIRAH, Salman Vineyard, Clarksburg



Since introducing Petite Sirah into our lineup in 2000, this variety has quietly become our most popular wine. I suspect it is because we deliver all of the enjoyable features of this variety without the extract and coarse tannins that has given Petite Sirah its bruising reputation. The combination of Enver Salman's Vineyard - how he and his son Joe grow the grapes - and the production techniques we employ here at the winery, creates a wine with an intensity and richness that is unmatched.

Our 2008 Petite Sirah retains the intensity of color one expects from Petite Sirah; in fact the pigments almost stain the inside of the glass.

The aromas of this year's wine are of cassis and dense, ripe, concentrated blue fruits with notes of black pepper. The bouquet features smoky dark chocolate. Big creamy flavors of boysenberry and blackberries are balanced by creamy French oak. There is enough acid to keep the fruit flavors bright and succulent. The texture is full of chewy yet polished tannins. The finish is long and lingers well after swallowing the wine. The depth and intensity of the 2008 vintage begs the query; will this wine improve with age?

I suspect that, given the richness of the fruit, the structure and the acidity of this wine, it will reward those patient enough to give it a year or two in the cellar.

Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah

14.7% Alc. 0.70 g/100ml TA 3.33 pH

Oak Regime: 100% French Oak

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