



2015 Petite Sirah Clarksburg

Because of its name many folks look for something small when it comes to Petite Sirah. For seventeen years, we have produced Petite Sirah alongside Syrah, and I have yet to recognize any aspect of Petite Sirah whether it be the grapes, the vines, or the wine's style, as being smaller. Instead I have a different take on the meaning of the word 'Petite' when used in conjunction with Sirah. Since Petite Sirah is the offspring of Syrah and another minor Rhone variety Peloursin, I suspect 'Petite' could have meaning relating it to one of its parents; Syrah. Could not the use of the word 'Petite' be used to signify this grape as the 'son of' or 'junior' as it relates to Syrah? Food for thought.

The 2015 vintage has a deep, almost inky, purple color with bright youthful hues. Aromatically, ripe sweet black cherries lead a parade of dark fruits that include blackberry and cassis. There is a depth and warmth to the aroma that reminds me of a local bakers Triple Berry pie filling. Aging in 100% new French Oak delivers a bouquet of nutmeg and dark chocolate. On the palate, the flavors are bright and juicy with plenty of luscious black fruit and creamy toasty oak. This is a rare expression of Petite Sirah in that the texture is soft supple and the tannins are mature and integrated. There is no trace of mouth drying astringency so frequently associated with this variety. The finish of this wine is creamy, almost sweet, with lingering notes of caramel.

Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah 14.8% Alc. 0.72 g/100ml TA 3.40pH
Oak Regime: 100% French Oak
Released: May 1, 2017 1,671 Cases Produced Suggested Retail Price:
\$28