

Whenever our growers and their vineyards provide us with the opportunity we produce a little extra of our varietal wines we do so. This gives us the flexibility that, at the conclusion of barrel aging when we evaluate each individual barrel, if the barrel does not contribute to the expression of its specific vineyard it is not included in the blend. Instead the extra is blended to produce the '1448'. This allows us to select only the finest barrels for our Vineyard Designated Varietal wines. We don't purchase grapes specifically for the '1448'. Therefore, it follows that the composition of the 1448 is a blend that mirrors our production volumes. A large portion of our production is Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, Barbera and Syrah and so it follows that these varieties make the largest contribution to the '1448' blend. It also follows that the '1448' is a perfect introduction to the Runquist wines. The '1448' comes from premium vineyards located throughout California; it has the fruit forward nature of the Runquist varietal wines, a richness and depth that comes from barrel aging, and the trademark smooth finish.

The 2011 '1448' has deep thick color and one would expect from a wine that is predominately Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot. The aromas feature smoky currants and concentrated black fruits. Mocha, caramel, and milk chocolate provide a sweet inviting bouquet. The flavors are big, rich and creamy. Dense ripe black fruits flow across a deeply toasted oak background. The time in small barrels contributes to the rich body and luscious mouth-feel. As with all the Jeff Runquist Wines the tannins are mature and well integrated leading to a smooth lingering finish.

Varietal Composition: 54% Petite Sirah, 31% Petit Verdot, 4% Barbera, 3% Syrah, 2% Zinfandel, 2% Carignane, 2% Souzao.

13.9% Alc. 0.72 g/100ml TA 3.50 pH

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