



2017 PETITE SIRAH

Enver & Joe Salman Vineyards, Clarksburg

Petite Sirah has been one of our most popular wines since we first introduced it with the 1999 vintage. That initial Petite Sirah came from the Wilson Family Vineyards in Clarksburg. Two years later we wanted to grow our production but were unable to secure an increased quantity of Petite Sirah from the Wilsons. In our search for more Petite Sirah we were introduced to Ever and Joe Salman and purchased our first grapes from their vineyard in 2001. That wine won Best Petite Sirah of California at the 2003 State Fair and our 2002 Salman Vineyard, Petite Sirah won Best of Show Honors a year later. With these two awards we were off to the races, and production has grown from that first 50 cases in 1999 to just over two thousand cases today.

Our attraction to Clarksburg for this variety is that when grown in this appellation Petite Sirah develops all of its assets and none of its liabilities. Dark color and rich robust flavors come without the monster tannins that can weld lips to gums and create a parched finish so strong you would think you were in the Sahara. In the world of Petite Sirah our rendition has distinguished itself as dark and intense but is also a wine that has somehow managed to remain succulent and juicy too. Lucky for us, the judges looked favorably upon this distinction and embraced the style that the Salman Vineyard in Clarksburg made possible.

The 2017 vintage has a deep purple color that borders on inky. The edges of the wine, visible when the glass is tilted, have a bright almost fluorescent hue. The aroma is like a parade of ripe dark fruits; blackberry, marionberry, and cassis. Aging one hundred percent of this wine in new French oak has generated a bouquet featuring luscious sweet caramel and mocha. The flavors of concentrated smoky boysenberry and black currant are savory and rich with plenty of creamy oak that seems to roll on forever never ceding the stage to the chewy mouth drying astringency so frequently associated with this variety. This is a rare expression of Petite Sirah; rich flavors carried by a wine with a texture that is soft and supple to the point of becoming silky. The tannins are mature and integrated. The finish of this wine with lingering notes of butterscotch and perfectly toasted oak is an irresistible invitation for another glass.

Varietal Composition:	100% Petite Sirah	15.2% Alc.	0.74 g/100ml TA	3.44 pH
Oak Regime:	100% French Oak			
Released: July 1, 2019	2,042 Cases Produced		Suggested Retail Price: \$28	