



2021 "R" PETITE SIRAH

Salman Vineyard, Clarksburg

SPECS

Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15.0%

pH: 3.47 TA: 8.0 g/L

Oak Regime: 12 months in 100% French Oak barrels

Released in January 2023

AWARDS

Results coming soon...

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 vintage has a deep purple color that clings to the walls of the glass. The hues are youthful and have a magenta edge. Aromas of ultra-ripe dark fruits; blackberry, mulberry, and boysenberry marry with a bouquet of mocha, caramel, and patent malt to create scent that is tempting to nurse and return to throughout the evening. The flavors are rich and savory with loads of black currant and deeply toasted oak. The fully mature tannins help create a mouth-coating viscous texture and the acidity retain all fruit aromas and flavors.

ABOUT THE WINE

Our growers, the Salman family has provided us with Petite Sirah since 2000. The combination of the location of their vineyard on Sutter Island in the Clarksburg appellation, along with their passion for viticulture has provided us with grapes perfectly suited for our style for over two decades. During fermentation, we extract the pigments and flavors from the skins of the grapes by mixing the must by hand, three times a day, gently pushing the skins back into the juice. Once the wine is pressed, it flows directly into barrels with new French oak Innerstaves. These Innerstaves contribute a creamy richness to the wine that is so intense it is often mistaken for residual sugar. I describe it as Petite Sirah with all the assets and none of the liabilities.