



## 2010 ARATAS Napa Valley Petite Sirah

*This is the third vintage of Aratas from our vineyard in the Oak Knoll AVA planted in 2001 to just 1.4 with an additional + .2 acres grafted to Petite a of couple years later. A cool spring and heavy rains in January which carried through into February and March nudged bud break into mid- April, bloom in May which pushed veraison into early August. An even warm up followed a few days of excessive heat which balanced several courses of thinning, one more than typical for this vineyard but ultimately it produced solid even clusters for this the skinned varietal. Harvest began at sunrise the morning of October 21st, 2010. This vineyard produces beautiful fruit that was held to cold soak for 5 days then fermented on native yeast in small open top fermentation tanks with tannin management in mind. Aged for 22 months in 30% new Trust Hungarian and French oak barrels the wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on August 29, 2012.*

Winemaker, Mike Drash

Vineyard Manager, Robert Jordan

Vintners, Stephanie Douglas, John & Mickey Chohany

Harvest: October 21, 2010

Oak Knoll AVA, alluvial gravel and clay loam

100% Petite Sirah Clone 3 Rootstock 1103 P

30% new Trust Hungarian Oak M+ Francois Ferre French Oak M

15.1% Alc/Vol PH 3.74 TA 5.4

***\$45 bottle (750ml) \$110 Collector's Edition 1.5L 488 cases produced***

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