



2016 Aratas Napa Valley Petite Sirah

This Petite Sirah vintage hails from grapes grown on the Mayacamas mountain range.

We know this land well as one of our first wines produced before the launch of the brand came from this very vineyard. The site is notable for its staggering views of both Sonoma to the west, Napa Valley to the east as well as of Mt. Tamalpais to the south. As typical for us, we allow our wines to express the provenance of terroir through single vineyard bottlings. This wine is produced from 100% Petite Sirah planted to vine in the Bald Mountain vineyard on Mt. Veeder. The south-facing vineyard sits at nearly 2000 feet above sea level. It's the highest planted vineyard in Napa Valley in fact. In the early morning the old vines often find themselves above the fog line so they benefit from long sun filled days. Dry farmed and naturally low yielding; the vineyard grows in shallow, well drained sedimentary soil of marine origin and sandy loam. Influenced by the cooling effects of the San Pablo Bay, the vines benefited from an extended growing season which resulted in superior concentration of flavor and balance.

This wine was hand harvested, sorted by hand then thinned once again for quality by Selectiv' optical sorting technology. Fermented in small bins using hand punch down methods, 5 days of cold soak on dry ice followed to intensify color while keeping the tannins at bay. This must was gently pressed off and aged in 30% new Hungarian Oak for 28 months then bottle aged for an additional 18 months before release. Bottled Unfiltered and unfinned with natural Lafitte cork.

100% Petite Sirah

Aged 28 months in 30% New Trust Hungarian Oak barrels M+

Fermented on native yeasts.

Bottled unfiltered

Winemakers: Matt Sunseri

Grower: Joe Votek

Vintner: Stephanie Douglas

Harvested by hand: September 30, 2016

14.7% Alc./Vol.

Recent Accolades

"Best Wines of 2016" 96 Points
St Helena Star/ Napa Vintners Annual Tasting

99 Points "DOUBLE GOLD"
Sunset Magazine International Wine Competition

92 Points "DOUBLE GOLD"
North Coast Wine Challenge