



2018 Aratas Napa Valley Petite Sirah

This single vineyard bottling of the American Heritage grape Petite Sirah was grown in well drained alluvial soils along the valley floor in the Rutherford AVA of Napa Valley.

Quixote and Martini clones produced on the Carpy Connolly Ranch in the Rutherford AVA create a redolent, masculine wine with depth of mid palate. Aging in Hungarian oak M+ was selected protocol to impart a unique dimension influencing the tertiary aroma of exotic spice green and black cardamom, long pepper, harissa.

This wine was hand harvested, sorted by hand then thinned once again for quality by Selectiv' optical sorting technology. The berries were cold soaked with dry ice for 5 days to intensify color while keeping the tannins at bay. Fermentation on native yeast in small bins using twice daily hand punch down method followed for three weeks. The must was gently pressed off and fermentation continued in barrel until dry. Aged in 30% new Hungarian Oak for 27 months then bottle aged an additional 18 months before release. Bottled Unfiltered and unfined with natural Lafitte cork.

100% Petite Sirah (Clone Quixote and Martini, planted 2001) Carpy Connolly Ranch, Rutherford AVA

Aratas Wine is named to honor the Chohany family Hungarian heritage which quite literally translates to a "harvest of gold". The Brand Aratas Wine is diligently focused on the American Heritage variety Petite Sirah.

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Aged 27 months in 30% New Trust Hungarian Oak barrels M+

Fermented on native yeasts

Bottled unfiltered unfined

Alc./Vol. 14.9% TA .63 PH 3.75

Winemaker: Matt Sunseri

Grower: Justin Leigon/ Pina Magmt

Vintner: Stephanie Douglas

Harvest Date: October 5th & 11th, 2018