



### 2019 Aratás “VENERATION” Red Blend

The *Veneration* gives homage to the noble heritage of Petite Sirah, a designated *American Heritage Grape* in a proprietary blend which honors the Father of Petite Sirah, the noble Syrah from the land of Rhone. It's fitting that Aratas Wine, a new world wine from the Napa Valley California's first designated viticulture area, is an all-American wine in style. Fruit forward and redolent, this is a new world blend of Petite Sirah and Syrah.

The Petite Sirah was grown on Carpy Connolly Ranch in the Rutherford AVA. This spectacular 115 acre property is sprawled across the fan of the valley floor. The vineyard stretches from the Napa river east to the Silverado trail and is primarily well drained and rocky with pebble. Soils are gravel loam, alluvial, some marine clay and silt. The elevation of this relatively level terra firma sits just a couple hundred above sea level. At one time, this was pasture land and quite fertile. Temps range from quite cool at night and experiences as much as a 40' diurnal swing which builds complexity and intensity in the wine.

The Syrah hails from a relatively cool block planted in the southern foothills of the Mayacamas range on Hudson Ranch in Carneros. The soils are shallow volcanic and marine clay based which in turn, nurtures low yielding vines and depth of flavor in the fruit.

Our wines are hand harvested, hand sorted immediately then analyzed again by state of the art Selectiv' optical sort. The must was fermented on native yeast, each barrel independent of one and other then blended just before bottling. The wine was aged in barrel for 18 months in 1 and 2 year Hungarian and French oak then bottled unfiltered and un-fined. This wine was specifically designed as a blend to reflect a softer style of Petite and enabled us to release the wine earlier our single vineyard bottlings.

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*The 2019 Veneration has the aromas of blueberry and baked blackberry, licorice, soppressata and fig chutney with the subtle earthiness of white pepper and green cardamom. The color is saturated garnet with a medium to full bodied texture. It's somewhat jammy with subdued tannins; an unusual find for a Petite based wine. This offering probes the palate with a luscious, lingering savory finish topped off with layers of holiday spice.*

Proprietary blend of Petite Sirah 65% (Rutherford AVA)

Syrah 34% (Los Carneros AVA Napa)

Sauvignon Blanc 1% (Los Carneros)

PH: 3.74 TA: 5.8

Aged 18 months

1 and 2 year Hungarian and French oak

Harvest date ranges Sept 25-Oct 11, 2018

14.7% Alc./ Vol

Winemaker, Matt Sunseri