

2009 NAPA VALLEY PETITE SIRAH

APPELLATION/VINEYARDS

The Somerston Estate is our 1628-acre property with 12.5 acres planted to Petite Sirah vines. Located high in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, Somerston sits at elevations ranging from 820 to 2400 feet. We selected this Petite Sirah from five different hillside blocks.

HARVEST

The harvest for Petite Sirah started in the early morning hours beginning on September 22nd and the last block was harvested on October 18th. Average Brix at harvest, 27.2

FERMENTATION

Six days cold soak at 50 degrees. 18 day indigenous yeast fermentation with a maximum temp of 82 degrees. Aerated pumpovers twice per day. When fermentation was complete the tank was drained overnight to capture the wine's concentration. Only free run juice was used and malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in the barrel. Bottled unfiltered.

AGING

20 months in 60% once used French Oak barrels and 40% neutral French Oak. Racked 2 times in the first year and 4 times in the second year of aging.



Production: 850 cases
Bottled: April 2011
Release Date: November 2011
Varietal: Petite Sirah
Cooperage: Demptos, Saury and Sylvain
Alcohol: 15.1
pH: 3.87
T/A: 6.1 g/l

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