

2008 PRIEST RANCH PETITE SIRAH NAPA VALLEY

APPELLATION/VINEYARDS

The Somerston vineyard is a 1628-acre property with 12.5 acres planted to Petite Sirah vines. Located in the eastern hills of Napa Valley, Somerston sits at elevations ranging from 850 to 2300 feet. For this vintage, we selected Petite Sirah from three hillside blocks with elevations from 1100 to 2100 feet above sea level.

HARVEST

The harvest for Petite Sirah started on September 22nd and finished on October 18th. Average brix at harvest - 27.0

FERMENTATION

Petite Sirah: eight days cold soak at 50 degrees. 18 day indigenous fermentation with a max temp of 82 degrees and drained overnight to capture the ripe flavors. Only free run juice was used and malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in barrel. Bottled unfiltered.

AGING

The wine was aged for 24 months in used French Oak - 65% 2nd year and 35% 3rd year. Racked 2 times in the first year and 4 times in the second year of aging.

NOTES

This is our third release of Priest Ranch Petite Sirah from our Somerston Estate vineyard. Our 2008 vintage Petite Sirah is an inky, dark brambly fruited wine with aromas of warm blackberry pie and ripe plum. The palate offers black cherry, anise and allspice with a wonderful balance of integrated, bold yet polished tannins with a sultry, spicy and lingering finish.



Production: 230 cases

Bottled: October 2010

Release Date: April 2011

Varietal: Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 15.0

pH: 3.87

T/A: 6.1 g/l

Cooperage: Demptos, Saury and Sylvain

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