

PRIEST RANCH

# 2013 PETITE SIRAH

## APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

Priest Ranch wines are all estate grown and bottled from the historic 660 acre Priest Ranch portion of the Somerston Estate. In 2013, we selected Petite Sirah from three different hillside blocks.

## WINEMAKING

500 L puncheons with 30% in new French oak barrels and 70% in neutral French oak barrels. The wine was racked twice in the first year and three times in the second year of aging. Bottled unfiltered.

## HARVEST NOTES

Six days cold soak at 50 degrees. 18 days indigenous fermentation with a maximum temperature of 82 degrees. Aerated pump-overs twice a 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 bottle. Bottled unfiltered.

## TASTING NOTES

"A long-term prospect for cellaring, the 2013 Petite Sirah (100% Petite Sirah) is a big, mighty, masculine wine with a dense purple color and loads of blue and black fruits. It is still somewhat monolithic and titanic in size, but I expect more nuances to emerge. This impressive wine will be singing its praises when drinking it in 10-15 years and for many, many years to follow."

90+ PTS

*Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #221 October 2015*

APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Petite Sirah*

AGING *30% new French oak, 70% neutral French oak*

RELEASE DATE *June 1, 2017*

PRODUCTION *305 cases*

ALC *15.5%*

