

PRIEST RANCH

2012 PETITE SIRAH

APPELLATION & VINEYARDS

Priest Ranch wines are all estate grown and bottled from the historic 638 acre Priest Ranch portion of the Somerston Estate. In 2012, we selected Petite Sirah from three different hillside blocks.

WINEMAKING

500 L puncheons with 15% in new French oak barrels and 85% 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

"The 2012 Petite Sirah, which is aged in larger puncheons, shows fabulous fruit, dense purple color and is 100% Petite Sirah. Deep blueberry and black raspberry fruit with camphor, white flowers and licorice are present in the full-bodied, very young, grapey and primary wine, but with plenty of upside and aging potential. It should drink well for the next 15 or more years."

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Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #215 October 2014

APPELLATION *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL *100% Petite Sirah*

AGING *15% new French oak, 85% neutral French oak*

RELEASE DATE *January 1st, 2016*

PRODUCTION *190 cases* ALC *15.5%*

