

## PRIEST RANCH SOMERSTON ESTATE

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## 2011 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 2011, we selected Petite Sirah from three different hillside blocks.

**Winemaking** | 24 months 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.

**Winemaker Notes** | Six days cold soak at 50 degrees. 18 days indigenous fermentation with a maximum temperature of 82 degrees. Aerated pumpovers 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** | This is the sixth release of Priest Ranch Petite Sirah from the estate. The 2011 vintage Petite Sirah is an inky wine with dark fruit aromas of bark berries and spice. The palate offers supple dark cherry flavors, cinnamon, and white pepper with a wonderful balance of firm yet integrated tannins.

**Appellation** | Napa Valley

Vineyard | Somerston Estate

Varietal | 100% Petite Sirah

 $\mathbf{Aging} \,|\, \, \mathsf{15\%}$  in new French oak and  $\mathsf{85\%}$  in neutral French oak

Release Date | May 2015

**Production** | 692 cases

**Alcohol** | 15.5%

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