

2010 Petite Sirah

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol Content: 14.8%

Bottle Size: 750 ml

Cases Produced: 300 cases

Appellation: Sierra Foothills,
Naggiar Estate

Cooperage: Mixed French and American

Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah

Winemaker: Derek Irwin

Suggested Retail: \$29.00



Tasting Notes:

This 2010 Petite Sirah has good structure, intensity, and acidity with moderate tannins. With a dark purple or garnet color, the aromas are packed with black currant, black raspberry, beetroot, and black pepper with mocha and toffee rounding out the complex nose. Favours continue on the palate with a very smooth and lingering finish of black licorice and vanilla.

Winemaker Impressions:

This wine has great varietal character and is a real tooth-stainer. This is one of my favorite wines to make. Not for the faint of heart!

Vineyards:

Our 2010, Petite Sirah comes from four different pickings of three distinct blocks. A mix of young and old vines – from two different clones – produced a lower than average yield in this harvest.

Winemaking:

With fruit picked in mid-October, this wine was soaked for six days prior to fermentation. Indigenous yeast gave us a 21 day total fermentation, it was pressed before dry, and finished hot and dirty in barrels. Malolactic fermentation and aged in barrels, battonage for twelve months, for a total barrel time of 20 months.