



2014
ESTATE "OLD VINES" PETITE SIRAH

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RED CEDAR VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of dark, brambly, blackberry liqueur. Complexities of coarse-ground black pepper, savory spice, and cinnamon follow in the nose. After some time in the glass, hints of Mexican-style hot chocolate and ripe mulberries begin to evolve. The wine is bold, full-bodied, and complex. Yet it's still elegant in the mouth, with flavors lingering between earthy, dark fruits, and mocha/vanilla spice elements. The tannins are chewy but tamed, and the wine has a silky, rich, mouth-filling texture that warms and will continue to evolve and mellow with bottle ageing. If you can wait, you will be rewarded for your patience!

ABOUT THE WINE

In spite of the continuing California drought, grape growing conditions for the 2014 vintage were very good. The vintage provided an abundant and quality-driven crop. Good-fortune years like this are a blessing, and the wines show good depth of character.

Blend: 100% Petite Sirah

Harvest: Hand-picked from Red Cedar Vineyard block 43, on October 16, 2014 (27 degrees Brix).

Winemaking: The grapes were destemmed, then berry-sorted. Fermented in 3/4 ton bins for 21 days, with hand-punch-downs, pumpovers, and four "delestage" (rack and return) treatments. Free-run new wine was drained directly to barrels, in which it completed malolactic fermentation.

Maturation: Aged 15 months in small French and Hungarian oak barrels (20% first fill).

pH: 3.67

Total Acidity: 6.38 g/l

Alcohol: 15.25%

Bottling Date: July 26, 2016

Case Production: 2,872



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