



Girard
NAPA VALLEY

2018 PETITE SIRAH
NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual, but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall, allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels.

VINEYARD NOTES

The fruit for this Petite Sirah was sourced from old-vine plantings in Calistoga and Pope Valley areas of the Napa Valley where a myriad of soil types, coupled with warmer temperatures, help the grapes develop rich and balanced character.

TASTING NOTES

The nose reveals concentrated aromas of cedar, black plum and red currant jam, jasmine tea, dusty earth and tobacco. The palate is dense with flavors of blackberry preserves, vanilla, and savory dried herbs. The finish reveals notes of oak influence—spice, vanilla and savory barrel toast. The tannins are bold, ripe and integrated, creating a lingering and mouth-coating finish.

ABOUT THIS WINE

This Petite Sirah has developed into a very sought-after wine in the Girard portfolio, with fans of the variety looking to our bottling for the characteristic heady perfume, inky dark color, intense tannins and balanced oak integration.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 86% Petite Sirah, 8% Zinfandel, 6% Mixed Blacks | APPELLATION Napa Valley

OAK AGING 16 months in Fusion barrels comprised of French, American and Hungarian oak, 40% new

ALCOHOL 14.5% | pH 3.85 | TA 6.4 g/L | RESIDUAL SUGAR 1.74 g/L | PRODUCTION 2,977 cases