



*Girard*  
NAPA VALLEY

**2019 PETITE SIRAH**  
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**VINTAGE NOTES**

The year started out with ample rainfall which kept the soils moist and cool into spring. Summer was marked by warm, even daytime temperatures with few extreme heat spikes. The opportune weather conditions continued into late summer and fall. The harvest was of average volume, if not slightly below average, and the fruit quality was exceptional; allowing us to craft wines with fresh acidity, texture, structure and finesse.

**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 a mélange of bramble fruit, red raspberry, black plum and cigar box spice. Medium-plus to full-bodied, the wine unfolds with layers of blackberry preserves, vanilla, and dried tobacco. The finish reveals notes of oak influence—spice, vanilla and savory barrel toast. The tannins are bold, ripe and integrated, creating a heady, lingering 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, 12% Zinfandel, 2% red grape field blend | **APPELLATION** Napa Valley

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

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% | **pH** 3.67 | **TA** 6.4 g/L | **RESIDUAL SUGAR** .97 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 2,000 cases