

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2017 PETITE SIRAH

The fruit for this wine hails from a neighboring vineyard in our Chiles Valley subappellation of the Napa Valley AVA that was the source of the original 2008 fruit from which David made his first vintage of Petite Sirah. An outsider to the cult of noble grapes {as is Zinfandel}, Petite Sirah is part underdog, part phoenix. Considered lacking in pedigree it triumphs paradoxically on the strength of its many overlooked virtues. A sort of alter ego to Cabernet Sauvignon, unburdened of noblesse oblige, it is everything its royal counterpart aspires to and more. Holding nothing back, neither reserved nor austere, its exuberance and unadulterated power deliver a wallop of fruit, game, and earth. David so enjoyed working with that first batch of Petite Sirah fruit he planted a small block on our property the following year. Our estate Petite Sirah currently is blended into Chaos Theory.

Technical

Composition: 100% Petite Sirah

Vineyard source: Gobbler Grove, Chiles Valley

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 12 months in 30% new oak, 100% American

ABV: 15%

pH: 3.69

TA: 6.6 g/L

Production: 600 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Onyx core with magenta rim.

Nose: Eucalyptus grove, brown sugar, purple flowers, Jamaican Christmas cake, ripe black fruits, winter and exotic spices, subtle tobacco, Italian leather, cocoa nibs.

Palate: Intense structure, full body, vibrant acidity, firm tannins, long, lingering finish.

Longevity: Cellar until spring 2020, enjoy through 2030 and beyond.