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WINERY

2022 PETITE SIRAH

Santa Clara Valley Denice Vineyard

Vineyards

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Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 14.2% pH: 3.68

Acidity: 0.67g/100ml

Production: 95 cases

Bottled: June 2, 2024

Release Date: August 8, 2025

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Tasting Notes

Aromas of ripe blueberry, black plum, dark chocolate, and a hint of black pepper lead into a bold, richly textured wine. Known for its high tannins and inky purple hue, it offers a mouth-coating feel balanced by medium to bright acidity. With its firm structure, this Petite Sirah has the potential to age gracefully - up to six years under proper cellaring. Pairs well with pork ribs or BBQ chicken alongside roasted vegetables.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into American oak barrels for maturation. 18 months in American oak barrels, 50% New, 50% 2 year old.

The Grape

Petite Sirah (aka, Durif) is the offspring of Syrah and Peloursin. Durif was developed in France in the mid-1800s to resist powdery mildew but was found to be less resistant to gray rot, which exists more in France than in the drier climate of California. Petite Sirah is often blended with Zinfandel to add structure and color to a wine and, of course, is also a fantastic standalone wine.

The Land

Denice Ranch is located on the west side of the Santa Clara Valley, at the base of the foothills. The soil is fertile and well drained. The vineyard reflects the site with a perfect balance between fruit and the canopy. Resulting in grapes with excellent color and characteristic Petite Sirah aromas of blackberry and blueberry.

The Season

After a much cooler than average winter, Spring began to warm with much needed late rains in May. Along with the average warm summer, the drought continued to challenge the growth of the vines. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. The silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The Fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity.



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