

Our Rugged Elements series are limited-production wines that reflect the diversity and richness of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Influenced by the elements that define the terroir - from the river to the soil and trees, to the dense fog and ocean, each wine is a unique expression of the single vineyard it was sourced from.

FROM THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand harvested on the cool early morning of September 21st, 2019, allowing us to maintain freshness of the fruit while destemming to tank. Petite Sirah tends to over-extract tannins so the wine was pumped over twice a day for a total of just 12 days before being drained and pressed off the skins. The wine aged for 10 months in mostly French oak barrels, 55% of them were new. A careful barrel selection was made by the winemaking team for the final blend.

TASTING NOTES

This Petite Sirah has an amazingly dark purple color which is the first indication of the density of this wine. On the nose, this wine has dried blueberry, plum, cardamom and hints of bread pudding. The palate is rich and tannic with lively acidity. Dark fruits and a leathery note dominate the flavors with a long lingering finish. The tannins and acidity hint at the aging potential of our Stone Ranch Petite Sirah.

THE VINEYARD

Located in the Alexander Valley AVA, the prestigious Stone Ranch is influenced by the climate of the coastal range foothills. The CSWA certified vineyard is located uphill away from the river and defined by stony, gravelly soil which allows for an extended hangtime. The result is inky dark, purple fruit with highly concentrated flavors - perfect for our first release of Petite Sirah from this vineyard.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

- Composition:** 99.5% Petite Sirah, 0.5% Petit Verdot
- Harvest Date:** September 21st, 2019
- Harvest Method:** Handpicked
- Aging:** Barrel aging in 55% new French oak
- Acidity/pH:** 7.3g/L, pH = 3.48
- Alcohol:** 14.8%
- Production:** 178 cases
- Bottled:** August 2020

VINEYARD DETAILS

- Region:** Alexander Valley
- Elevation:** 255'
- Latitude:** 38° 40' 39.036" N
- Longitude:** 122° 52' 56.388" W
- Block Area:** 4 acres
- Year planted:** 1994
- Soil:** Los Gatos Josephine complex, gravelly clay loam



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