

2005 PETITE SIRAH PORT

Technical Data

Varietal: 83% Petite Sirah, 17% Other

Appellation: Alexander Valley Estate, Block 405

Aging: 13 months in 20% neutral oak barrels

Production: 548 Cases

Alcohol: 18.4%

Bottled: April 2007

Residual Sugar: 10%

Release Date: November 2007

pH: 3.90

Winemaker: Miro Tcholakov

Total Acid: .58g/100ml



Winemaker Notes

The 2005 harvest was one of those abundant vintages with near perfect growing condition leading to very high quality grapes. The grapes for the 2005 Petite Sirah were harvested from Block 405, planted in 1999. The natural vigor of the young vines produced ripe and flavorful grapes with small berries packed with incredible color. On the fourth day, post crush, the Brandy was added to stop the fermentation at 10% unfermented juice and about 18.4% alcohol. Following the traditional vintage port style the wine was aged for 13 months in small barrels. The wine is loaded with concentrated blueberry, blackberry and dark cherry aromas and flavors backed by juicy and viscous mouth feel. The finish is mouth coating, sweet but balanced with plenty of soft tannins. This port will undoubtedly age gracefully for many decades to follow.

Cheers! Miro Tcholakov



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