



2005 Petite Syrah Port

Technical Data

Varietal: 83% Petite Syrah
Appellation: Alexander Valley Estate, Block 405
Production: 548 cases
Alcohol: 18.4%
Residual Sugar: 10%
Total Acid: 0.58%
Aging: 13 months in 20% new oak barrels, the rest in older neutral barrels
Fermentation: 4 days in stainless steel tanks with three pump overs/day
Bottled Date: April 2007
Release Date: November 2007
Winemaker: Miro Tcholakov

Awards & Accolades

Gold: 2008 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Winemaker Notes: The 2005 Harvest was one of those “abundant” vintages with near perfect growing conditions leading to very high quality grapes. The grapes for the 05 PS Port this time 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 about 13 months in small barrels. The wine is loaded with concentrated blueberry, blackberry and dark cherries 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 - Winemaker



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