

ADAPTATION

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2015 ADAPTATION PETITE SIRAH NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD NOTES

The 2015 Adaptation Petite Sirah is crafted from two of our favorite Napa Valley vineyards, Kennefick Ranch Vineyard in Calistoga, and Langtry Vineyard located just outside of Pope Valley in the Northeastern corner of the Napa Valley and Ink Grade Vineyard on the backside of Howell Mountain. Thriving in the warm climate that these two vineyard sites provide, the fruit results in a wine that is truly expressive of the respective terroir.

HARVEST

We were off to an early start in 2015 after warm weather throughout the winter and early spring. However, a cool month in May during flowering drastically reduced the crop size. Yields were unusually low with only one cluster per shoot in most vineyard blocks. As the summer months commenced, Mother Nature brought more heat which resulted in the earliest harvest on record.

FERMENTATION & AGING

The grapes were destemmed and partially crushed into stainless steel tanks in preparation for maceration. The tank temperatures were lowered to 55°F for a 48-hour cold soak just before yeast inoculation to initiate primary fermentation. Maceration lasted 6-12 days at a maximum temperature of 95°F. The wine was aged in 50% new French and American oak barrels and 50% once used barrels for 18 months.

IMPRESSIONS

The 2015 Adaptation Petite Sirah yields a deep, dark purple hue, unveiling a bevy of wild berries, Black Mission figs, incense, chai tea and baking spices graduating into gingerbread and hints of roasted coffee beans. This full-bodied wine boasts a gorgeous texture with a combination of richness and density that give way to the elegant and weightless finish.

VARIETALS/BLEND

92% Petite Sirah
8% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCTION

38 Barrels

ALCOHOL

14.6%