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## **2022 Petite Sirah** San Antonio Valley

Location: Our Petite Sirah comes from Block 1 on the Pierce's Y Ranch planting near Lake San Antonio in southwestern Monterey County. Ian began making Block 1 Petite Sirah when he worked for the Pierce Family as a consultant for their nascent label between 2008 and 2014. After Josh Pierce took the reins in the family winery, we've continued working with these grapes because the broken Monterey Shale at the crest of the hill gives the Petite Sirah an elegance and vivacity uncommon in the variety. Referred to as both the Lockwood Valley and the San Antonio Valley, at 850 feet of elevation in the lee of the Santa Lucia Range and Big Sur, this valley is blessed both with ample

water resources from draining the rainy coastal peaks and clear, cloudless days. This is a rare warm climate vineyard for us, but the calcareous shale soils and precise picking allow for a beautiful, balanced and harmonious expression of Petite Sirah.

Winemaking: Uninoculated fermentation, 30% whole cluster. Aged 11 months in neutral barrels.

Tasting Notes: Bright ruby in color, the 2022 Petite Sirah's opening salvo is that of Bing cherry, sage, and cloves. The cherries play through to the palate where they are accompanied by umami characters reminiscent of beef jerky. The bright acidity and tight tannins lead to a food-hearty wine capable of many years of aging.

Alc 12.8%  
pH: 4.21  
TA: 5.17 g/L

201 cases