

Paysan Petit Sirah

Le P'tit Paysan (I. Brand)

United States - California - Monterey

Tasting Notes: The nose begins with lilac, black plum, bing cherry, telicherry peppercorn, teriyaki and cedar. This leads the way to bright black cherry fruit, with distinctive wet river rock combined with plum skin on the palate. Well integrated tannins and a meaty, teriyaki reminiscence wrap things up contributing to a lingering umami finish.

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.

Specifications

Appellation	Monterey
Varietals	100% Petite Sirah
Soil type	calcareous shale soils
Vinification	Uninoculated fermentation, 30% whole cluster. Aged 11 months in neutral barrels. pH: 4.04 RS: 4.9g/L
Production	167 (9-liter cases)

