



Jeff Runquist Wines

2018 “R” PETITE SIRAH, Salman Vineyard, Clarksburg



Petite Sirah was once an unheralded blending variety. Rarely mentioned, its inclusion in a blend often provided the color, depth and the backbone for many red wines from California. Today, finally, Petite Sirah is enjoying a bit of the respect it deserves. More California vintners are offering a varietal Petite Sirah than ever before. The Petite Sirah category in most wine competitions now have dozens of wines when, at the turn of the millennium, there were but a handful. It is a pleasure to see this attention paid to Petite Sirah, not just because it is our best selling varietal, but because Petite Sirah deserves it. Production techniques have advanced to the point where, as vintners, we can deliver the tremendous depth of flavor and character of Petite Sirah without the mouth-gripping tannins historically associated with this variety. I think this softness plays a major role in Petite Sirah’s growing popularity.

The 2018 vintage has a deep purple color with bright, beautiful, almost fluorescent hues. The aroma and bouquet of this wine have merged into a seamless expression of ripe black fruits, mocha, and caramel. On the palate, the flavors are savory and rich with plenty of luscious black fruit and creamy toasty oak. This is a rare expression of Petite Sirah; rich flavors carried by a wine with a soft supple texture. The tannins are mature and integrated. There is no trace of the chewy mouth drying astringency so frequently associated with this variety. The finish of this wine is smooth and silky, almost sweet, with lingering notes of butterscotch and toasted oak.

It is the perfect accompaniment to a grilled steak or braised short ribs. Yet the tannins are so soft and smooth you could drink this wine by itself and find it immensely satisfying.

*Varietal Composition: 100% Petite Sirah
15.1 0% Alc. 0.67 g/100ml TA 3.41 pH
Oak Regime: 12 months in 100% French Oak barrels
Released: April, 2020*

Producers of Vineyard Designated Table Wines

