

Winemaker's Notes

Kent Rasmussen Winery

1999 Napa Valley Petite Sirah



Harvest date	-October 3
Grape Source	-Chavez-Leeds, Rutherford, Napa Valley
Brix at harvest	-25.6
Maceration	-25 days
Varietal Blend	-76.3% Petite Sirah -12.6% Syrah -11.1% Alicante Bouschet
Aging	-16 months in 50% new, 50% once-used barrels -50% American, 50% French oak
Chemistry at bottling	-pH: 3.68 -Total Acidity: 6.2 grams/liter -Alcohol: 13.9% -Free Sulfur Dioxide: 30 parts per million -Total Sulfur Dioxide: 68 parts per million -Volatile Acidity: .8 grams/liter
Bottling Date	-February 28, 2001
Production	-594 cases (12x750ml.)
Release date	-July 1, 2002

Sensory Notes:

Nose – Classic Petite Sirah nose. Lots and lots of blackberries and blueberries along with tar and chicory.

Mouth – Velvet soft. Loads of lovely soft tannins, like a rich, thick, red pillow for the mouth. Very fruity with blackberry and blueberry characters. Big, rich, tarry and solid, but unlike many Petite Sirah wines, not too astringent. Oak is in good balance.