



Ramsay Petite Sirah

2014 North Coast

Chemistry at bottling: Alcohol 13.75% T.A. 5.0 g/liter pH 3.86

Appellation: 75% Solano 15% Sonoma 6% Napa

Blend: 92% Petite Sirah 4% Merlot 4% Petite Verdot

Kent Rasmussen notes:

Petite Sirah has always been one of my favorite grapes. I feel that it is truly one of California's un-sung wonders and deserves far more recognition than it gets as a great wine grape. It is also a "California grape" having never much been grown elsewhere. Year after year I have made Petite Sirah (or Petty Sara, (or Pets) as the farmers say), but it is only in the last few years that it seems to be taking hold in wine-lover's minds. Better late than never, I suppose — but it is sad that people have missed out on it for so long. Petite Sirah has a character all it's own. It is big, tannic, ripe, juicy and "grapey". If anyone is silly enough to not drink it now and lets it get old they will find that it ages wonderfully, developing a richness and complexity akin to Cabernet.

The 2014 Ramsay Petite Sirah is a pretty wine full of lovely fruity succulence. I blended in a little Petite Verdot and Merlot to make the tannins a bit softer than is usual — an attempt on my part to make it more food friendly.