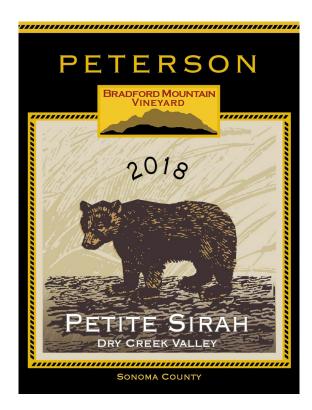


2018 PETITE SIRAH Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County



## **Technical Data**

Composition:	100% Petite Sirah
Vineyard:	Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	October 4, 2018
Alcohol:	14.5%
pH:	3.58
TA:	0.62g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	24 months
Cooperage:	33% new American oak barrels
	67% 5-7 year-old neutral oak barrels
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	Nov. 13, 2020 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Natural cork - Amorim NDTech -
	individually scanned & TCA free
Production:	75 cases   750ml bottles
Release Date:	April 2023

## Jamie Peterson's Vintaged View

Petite Sirah is a grape not widely grown outside of California, and could be considered as much of an American variety as Zinfandel. It has more often been used as a blending component to enhance the color, tannins and structure of other red varietals. Unblended, we usually find Petite Sirah wines to be rather monolithic and one-dimensional. Since our first vintage of the varietal in 1994, we've chosen to blend other full-flavored varietals that complement Petite Sirah, and add complexity, layers of flavors, spice and length.

In 2018 however, the Petite Sirah from our Estate Vineyard produced the rare exception to the rule in that we were able to craft a beautiful and balanced wine without additional varietals in the mix. The judicious use of American oak brings some softness to the tannins, and two full years in barrel smooth the edges.

This Petite Sirah is a big chewy mouthful, reflective of the vintage, with balance and complexity not traditionally found in varietal bottlings of this "not-so-petite" wine.

## **Tasting Notes**

Subtle aromas of concentrated dark berries, finegrained oak and hints of freshly turned earth belie the taste treat that follows. The plush entry exposes robust flavors—think iron fist in a velvet glove. The smooth mouthfeel and slightly spicy texture are bathed with concentrated ripe brambly blackberry and plum, along with traces of dark chocolate, espresso and creamy oak. Notes of minerality and polished tannins appear mid-palate adding dimension and depth. This luscious, integrated and bold Petite Sirah is definitely never petite even in the long finish.

A great wine to enjoy with a bowl of cioppino served with piping hot sourdough bread, or smoked brisket and garlic mashed potatoes.