



# *Girard*

2009 PETITE SIRAH

NAPA VALLEY

## TERROIR

The vineyard sources for our 2009 Petite Sirah are: Godward Vineyard, Julianna Vineyard and Capp Vineyard. These vineyards contain mature vines, with the Godward vines being 100+ years old. The climate and soil types at each vineyard location are ideal for Petite Sirah viticulture.

## VINTAGE

Our 2009 vintage Petite Sirah is an inky, dark, fruit-forward wine with aromas of Baked black cherry tart, dark plum, Tahitian vanilla bean, anise and allspice; on the palate, there's a balance of integrated, firm tannins and bright acidity with a soft, spicy and lingering finish.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-sorted and crushed to stainless steel fermentors. Pumpovers were done as gently as possible to avoid undesirable harsh tannin extraction. Pressed at dryness to 85% French and 15% Hungarian oak with a composition of 45% new oak for both barrel types.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 98% Petite Sirah, 2% Zinfandel

GROWING REGION Napa Valley | PRODUCTION 3,618 Cases

ALCOHOL 14.5% | pH 3.52 | TA 0.66 g/100ml