

Girard

NAPA VALLEY

CELEBRATING A SENSE of PLACE IN THE NAPA VALLEY

RED WINE CLUB

VINEYARD HAPPENINGS



Harvest is finally here!!!

Although this Harvest has had a late start with low yields it hasn't lessened the excitement surrounding the exceptional quality of fruit. We began picking the first block of Sauvignon Blanc; already the juice is showing tremendous tropical flavors of guava, pineapple, and papaya. I'm excited about the complex layers and bright acidity the Sauvignon Blanc is already showing. Chardonnay is looking like it's up next, most likely followed by our Zinfandel. The entire cellar crew is eager to get their hands on the rest of the fruit coming in so we can begin making the exceptional 2011 vintage. Check out this picture from the first day of Harvest 2011. We're off to a great start!

- Glenn Hugo, Winemaker

CUSTOM LABELS!

Perfect gift for the upcoming holidays

We would like to offer you the opportunity to custom etch your favorite Girard wine this holiday season! Please contact our wine club coordinator Jenna at jenna@girardwinery.com for more details and special wine club pricing.



Free festive wax dip on case purchases!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12th
1-5pm

Sip and Soup

November 18th
6-9pm

Trivia Night

December 17th
1-5pm

Holiday Open House

December 19th
5:30pm

NFL Sunday Night Football
49ers vs. Steelers

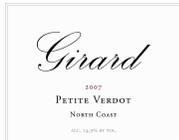
We'd Love to Hear From You!!!



For more information or to RSVP please email us at hospitality@girardwinery.com, or call us at 707-968-9297

October Wine Club Selection

2007 Petite Verdot



Winemaking:

Our 2007 vintage of Petite Verdot presents firm tannin structure and a pronounced aroma of violets. After extended skin contact, the wine was barrel aged for 22 months in 100% French oak.

Tasting Notes:

Traditionally Petite Verdot is used as a blending grape in Bordeaux wines. However, our winemaker Glenn Hugo feels that Petite Verdot deserves a stage of its own. Hints of minerality are overlaid by aromas and flavors of blueberry and raspberry; the flavors mirror the aromas that burst on the palate. We welcome you to enjoy now, but this wine will age beautifully for the next 5 to 10 years.

Composition: Petite Verdot

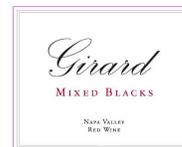
Appellation: Napa Valley

Retail Value: \$40.00

Club Price: \$32.00

2009 Mixed Blacks

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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% American oak with a composition of 40% new oak for both barrel types.

Tasting Notes:

Extracted and aromatic with well structured tannins, our 2009 vintage is a medium-bodied mouthful of dark chocolate, ripe plums and cassis with hints of vanilla extract, molasses and toasted tobacco.

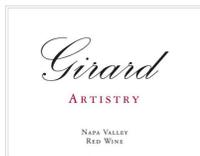
Composition: Field Blend of Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Syrah, and Grenache

Appellation: Napa Valley

Retail Value: \$50.00

Club Price: \$40.00

2008 Artistry



Winemaking:

Our grapes were hand sorted and gently crushed. We used native yeast for fermentation and the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel. After primary fermentation the wine went through an extended maceration period to soften the tannins. The wine was aged 22 months in 50% new French oak and 50% once-used French oak and then bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes:

This 2008 vintage is rich and ripe in fruit, and also rich in new oak. The combination makes for mouth-watering blackberry and cherry pie filling, currant, licorice, dark chocolate and spicy flavors. There are nuances of leather, toasted hazelnut and winter spices. On the palate, this firmly-textured wine offers flavors of coffee, chocolate-covered cherries, berry tart and currants. The tannins are very well integrated, making the wine approachable at an early age. There are multiple layers to this complex blend that reveal themselves through decanting, or by allowing time to open up in the glass.

Composition: Cuvée: 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 11% Malbec, 6% Merlot and 5% Petite Verdot

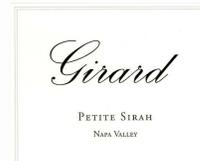
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2009 Petite Sirah

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Winemaking:

The grapes were hand-sorted and crushed into 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.

Tasting Notes:

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 is a balance of integrated, firm tannins and bright acidity with a soft and spicy lingering finish.

Composition: 98% Petite Sirah, 2% Zinfandel

Appellation: Napa Valley

Retail Value: \$28.00

Club Price: \$22.40