

# PEDRONCELLI

*A Sonoma County Tradition Since 1927*

**2008**  
**Petite Sirah**  
**Family Vineyards**  
**Dry Creek Valley**  
**Sonoma County**

## **Family Vineyard Sources**

This richly flavored grape, long known for its intense characteristics, has been grown side by side with Zinfandel in Dry Creek Valley for over 100 years. Petite Sirah has been planted on our vineyard since the early 1900s and used in our Zinfandel production as an important part of the blend. The "Family Vineyard" connection is with Carol Bushnell who is John and Jim Pedroncelli's niece; her vineyard has been a source of fruit since the 1940s. John blended this wine with half the fruit from estate vineyards and half from the Bushnell vineyard.

## **Winemaking**

Harvested in late September, the grapes were brought in with optimal ripeness and acidity. The fruit was crushed into stainless steel tanks where frequent pumping-over of the juice during fermentation allowed the young wine a substantial increase in flavor. The color extracted from the skins turns the wine a very deep purple color. The wine was aged for sixteen months in American and French oak barrels, one third new oak balanced with seasoned barrels. We blend in 4% Zinfandel to give a well-rounded fruit profile.

## **Tasting Notes**

Opaque purple in the glass. The wine is rich with ripe blackberry, black pepper and chocolate aromas. It contains very deep and complex flavors with a lasting finish braced by smooth tannins. It has the structure to age well over many years. Decant if desired.

## **Technical Information:**

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Barrel Aging: 16 months in American and French oak

Alcohol: 13.8% pH: 3.60 Total acidity: .630g/100ml



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