



## TASTING NOTES

Opaque purple. Crushed raspberries and bramble spice aromas. Rich and juicy with boysenberry, cassis and chocolate flavors. Very deep and complex, this wine should be opened and decanted if enjoyed before 2006. Expect this wine to take on complexities for the next 8-12 years. This wine will age well into 2016 and beyond—it has the tannin depth to evolve nicely.

## FAMILY VINEYARD SOURCES

This richly flavored grape, long known for its intense characteristics, has been grown in Dry Creek Valley for over 100 years. John Pedroncelli planted our first Petite Sirah vineyard more than 12 years ago on our Home Ranch in eastern Dry Creek Valley. His intention at the time was to blend the Petite Sirah with our Mother

Clone Zinfandel, boosting the flavor and tannin backbone of this fine wine.

Since the inaugural vintage, John blended this lot with the fruit from the Pedroni-Bushnell Vineyard. This vineyard is located four miles south on the same side of the valley. Along with Zinfandel, Petite Sirah has been grown on this vineyard for over 60 years. The “Family Vineyard” connection stems from the fact that Carol Bushnell is John’s niece. She and her husband tend the vineyards she inherited from her father, Al Pedroni.

## WINEMAKING

Harvested the second week of September, the grapes were brought in at full maturity. 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 extraction in this wine turns it a very deep purple-garnet color. The wine was aged for sixteen months in American oak barrels, 25% new oak with a complement of older barrels. This blending of barrels helps to bring the fruit forward while supporting it with subtle oak complexity.

## TECHNICAL NOTES:

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Composition:	100% Petite Sirah
Barrel Aging:	16 months in American oak barrels
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.59
Total acidity:	0.600g/100ml
Bottled:	August 2003
Production:	1,100 cases