



# Wise Villa Winery 2017 PETITE SIRAH



**O**ur 2017 Petite Sirah displays bold flavors of blackberries, plum, mocha, clove, and smoky cedar, with a deep color & bold finish. Goes best with red meat.

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES:

"Like Lennie Small in John Steinbeck's 'Of Mice & Men,' Petite Sirah's flavor belies the name. There is nothing small about this wine. From the vineyard, where the medium sized berries develop incredible density of flavor and color, to the winery, where we maximize flavor and color extraction, this wine is all about the big intense characteristics. 2017 was a cool year, resulting in extra ripening time to develop intense fruit flavors, aromatics & color while retaining acidity & freshness in the wine. Add to this natural tendency for things big and intense that we fermented this wine on the skins in 1 ton picking bins for 4 weeks, including a cold soak and extended maceration, the resulting wine is dark in color and flavor, with bold fine-grained tannins and acidity to match. To match the natural flavors from the grape, we aged the wine on 40% new oak, mostly darker toasts from France and Minnesota, to contribute complexities of coffee, chocolate, roasted meat and vanilla. This wine is intensely complex with a long lingering finish."

---Winemaker & Viticulturalist Kevin Luther

## Varietals

100% Petite Sirah

## Apellation

Lincoln, Placer County, Sierra Foothills

## Climate

Continental, warm dry days and cool nights with 40°F temperature shifts

## Exposure

South facing slopes

## Trellis

VSP

## Destemming, Fermentation, & Pressing

Destemmed, 3 day cold soak with natural yeast present, 11 day fermentation with punch downs, 7 day extended maceration. Pressed direct to barrels on full lees and aged 10 months.

## Soil

Loamy sand

## Picked (sugar level)

23.0 Brix

## Alcohol

13.1%

## Acidity

6.3 g/L total acidity & 3.62 pH

## Aging

Destemmed, 3 day cold soak with natural yeast present, 11 day fermentation with punch downs, 7 day extended maceration. Pressed direct to barrels on full lees and aged 20 months.

## Final Production

325 cases