LAMBERT BRIDGE 2007 Winery Ranch Petite Sirah



SPECIFICS

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Vintage	2007
Release Date	June 2010
Blend	100% Petite Sirah
Cases Produced	308
Barrel Regime	Barrel aged for 18 months 100% French oak 46% new barrels 54% two-year old barrels
Alcohol	14.4%
Price	\$50



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100% Petite Sirah

From our own Winery Ranch Vineyard, we harvest and produce this gem of a wine in small lots...only 308 cases for the 2007 vintage!

Petite Sirah can often be a monstrous wine, dark, inky and scary. Not so here! We carefully manage the flavor development and tannin structure on the vine so that at harvest we have fully mature fruit, full of flavor with ripe tannins. After a very early morning of precise hand-picking, we carefully hand sort each of the berries keeping only those that are perfectly colored and textured. After sorting, we employed whole-berry fermentation for 30% of the fruit...a very gentle process which yields maximum flavor coupled with a more manageable tannin profile. In the end, and we think you will agree, the effort is worth the prize!

If asked for just a few words to describe this wine: Intensity, complexity, structure, and elegance are the signature descriptors of this classic wine.

This is a masculine wine that deftly balances its weight with polished and seamless structure alongside dark fruit. Aromas of blueberry, dried flowers, juicy blackberry and dark spice present in a symphony of delight. While you will enjoy lingering over the bouquet, once you take the plunge and taste you will encounter a very focused wine that delivers flavors of boysenberry, pomegranate, and further dark spices with hints of tobacco leaf and leather. Firm, chewy tannins indicate the massive power and aging potential of this wine with juiciness that makes it an excellent match with rich foods.