



2011 Petite Sirah Russian River Valley

Vineyards:

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Grower: Bacigalupi Vineyards

Vineyard: Frost Vineyard

Clones: Foppiano Clone

Harvest:

Date: 10/5/2011

Brix: 23.5

The Wine:

100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 13.3%

pH: 3.76

Total Acidity: 6.81 g/L

Maceration Time: 13 days

Cooperage: 25% new French oak,
Gamba, Medium Plus Toast

Production: 100 Cases

Bold and spirited, this Petite Sirah is a hearty red wine lover's dream. Straight out of the press, this wine was inky and nearly black. It stained everything it touched. Over the 16 months it has spent in barrel, it has evolved from this inky, tannic wine into something very interesting. Because of the cold weather in 2011 and the mid-season rains, we picked this Petite earlier than intended. Because of this, the resulting wine showed characteristics of a cooler region Syrah. Still a deep, dark purple garnet color, the wine has aromas of smoke, charred meat, barbecue sauce, toasty oak, molasses and grape jam. Somewhat acidic on the front end of the palate with a dusty minerality mid-palate. The wine finishes with a good dose of oak, tannin, and some lingering dark fruit. A good candidate for aging, this wine will be in its prime around 2 years after bottling, with the potential to mature for 10 years.

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