



THORN HILL

VINEYARDS

2016, Petite Sirah, Lake County

Vineyards

Our 2016 Petite Sirah is from the Red Hills AVA of Lake County. The Red Hills lie at the foot of Mount Konocti, an extinct volcano. The vineyard is at 2000 foot elevation and has red, volcanic soil.

Vintage 2016

Clear, hot summer weather, with warm days and cool nights, provided ideal conditions for fully maturing our Petite Sirah grapes, which were harvested in early October with a perfect balance of sugar and acidity.

Winemaking

Winemaker Amy Thorn harvested each of Petite Sirah clones separately and ferment them in small open-top fermenters. During fermentation, she used a five day cold soak with daily manual punch downs to thoroughly macerate the cap of skins and extract maximum color and flavor from the juice. Once fermentation completed, the wines were transferred to French oak barrels, 60% new, where they aged for eighteen months before being bottled.

Tasting Notes

This wine is a ruby jewel color with a jammy peppercorn nose and a power packed palate of dried cherries, blueberries, and plums. Integrated tannins give definition to the flavor of dark berries, spices and a lush fruit toned acidity. A hint of dark chocolate fruit lingers on the silky finish.

Grape Variety:	100% Petite Sirah
Harvest:	Early October 2016
Brix:	27
Total Acidity:	0.60g/100ml
PH:	3.85
Vineyards:	Red Hills, Lake County
Barrel Aging:	18 months in 100% French oak barrels
Bottled:	Unfined and unfiltered

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