



2016 mbf Petite Sirah

The foundation of my Reserve "mbf" (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes - Brenda Lynch

2016 "mbf" Petite Sirah, Perotti Vineyard Dry Creek Valley - Sonoma County

A Petite Story. Petite Sirah is an interesting varietal. Descended from a cross between the noble Syrah and the little know Peloursin, Petite Sirah produces a hardy, age-worthy wine dense in character and color. We do not produce a "mbf" Petite Sirah every year and the 2016 vintage is only our fifth release of this wine.

2012 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL - Orange County Fair

2009 Vintage

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL - 2014 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL - 2013 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

2008 Vintage

SILVER MEDAL - 2012 International Women's Wine Competition

SILVER MEDAL - 2012 Sonoma County Harvest Fair



Perotti Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

In 2005 I talked to Ed and Bruce Perotti, father and son grape growers in Dry Creek Valley, about getting some "pets," their name for the Petite Sirah grape. What a perfect nickname. But even more perfect is the suitability of this vineyard and these blocks for producing a great "pet"—located on the north end of Dry Creek Valley, on a bench with an eastern slope. This location ensures great air circulation and exposure, dry skins and ripe fruit.

Brenda's Winemaking

Handle with care. My Petite Sirah was treated to gentle winemaking and oak aging. Fermentation took place in an open-top tank, with hand punch-downs. This approach prevents harsh tannins from being imparted to the wine and allows the wine to be fruit-forward. My 2016 vintage was aged in 100% French Oak barrels for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

The dark, opaque color of our 2016 "mbf" Petite Sirah hints at the wine's potential. The 2016 vintage in Dry Creek Valley produced full bodied wines with tremendous ripeness of fruit. The flavor profile of this wine is deliciously decadent and features ripe plums, dark chocolate and hints of pepper spice. A big, chewy mouthfeel of ripe tannins further advances the storyline that this wine can be enjoyed upon release but will definitely gain complexity with additional bottle aging.

Information

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| Vintage: | 2016 |
| Appellation: | Dry Creek Valley |
| % Petite Sirah: | 100% |
| Alcohol: | 14.5% |
| Produced: | 68 cases |
| UPC: | 8 50432 00003 7 |



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