



2011 mbf Petite Sirah

The foundation of my limited production 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

**2011 mbf Petite Sirah, Perotti Vineyard
Dry Creek Valley—Sonoma County**

From a small berry comes one big dog! 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. 2011 is our third vintage and we think this is one big dog. If you like Petite Sirah, our "mbf" could become your new favorite "pet."

2011 Vintage

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL - 2014 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

2009 Vintage

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL - 2014 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL - 2013 Sonoma County Harvest Fair Wine Competition

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 2011 vintage was aged in 100% French Oak barrels for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

Our 2011 Petite Sirah is classic—"inky" in color, it opens to aromas of blueberry, pepper and licorice. Flavors of blueberry and pepper dominate and are complemented by a surprisingly smooth mouthfeel. The tannins are ample but not overwhelming. It has a medium-length finish and should age well.

Pair this "big dog" with a sharp cheese (cheddar), your favorite pizza or grilled red meat. There are so many choices.

—A favorite "Pet" is a treasure!



Information

Vintage:	2011
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
% Petite Sirah:	100%
Alcohol:	14.4%
Produced:	174 cases
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