



2012 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

**2012 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 known Peloursin, Petite Sirah produces a hardy, age-worthy wine dense in character and color. With this our fourth vintage of Petite Sirah, this big dog has earned a permanent place in our "mbf" kennel. Could this be your new favorite "pet?"

2012 Vintage

Gold Medal - Orange County 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 2012 vintage was aged in 100% French Oak barrels for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

Dark, dense, intensely flavorful and with chewy tannins, our 2012 mbf Petite Sirah is sure to satisfy die-hard fans of the varietal. Deep ruby to purple in color, it has a bouquet dominated by black pepper. Blueberries, blackberries and notes of tar provide the classic flavor profile. It has a good amount of acidity but is well-balanced and round and full in the mouth. Thick tannins and medium-length finish will leave you licking your lips and begging for more. This is one big dog you won't want to tame!

Pair this with a big, beef stew and you can't go wrong.

—A favorite "Pet" is a treasure!

Information

Vintage:	2012
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
% Petite Sirah:	100%
Alcohol:	14.4%
Produced:	125 cases
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