



2007 Canis Major Petite Sirah

Petite Sirah has been planted in the Dry Creek Valley for decades and it is often used as a blending grape for Zinfandel, as small amounts can add dark color and tannic backbone. On its own, it can produce intense, inky, well structured wine with dark berry fruit.

2007 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL • 2010 National Women's Wine Competition
Silver Medal • 2010 SF Chronicle Wine Competition
Silver Medal • 2010 Dallas Morning News Wine Competition
Silver Medal • 2010 Grand Harvest Awards

2006 Vintage

GOLD MEDAL • 2009 SF Chronicle Wine Competition
GOLD MEDAL • 2009 Orange County Wine Competition
GOLD MEDAL • 2009 SF International Wine Competition,
Silver Medals • 2009 San Diego, National Women's & Dallas Morning News Wine Competitions

Dry Creek Valley

Brenda talked to DCV growers Bruce Perotti and George Unti in 2005 about getting some "pets" (what the old time growers call Petite Sirah) and both provided her with a little over 1/2 ton. We liked the irony of buying a grape called "pets" given our Mutt Lynch name. Our little experiment has grown from 3 barrels in 2005 to 6 barrels of wine with the 2007 vintage. We are honing in on a particular block that we think might merit a vineyard designate. Until then, we continue to label our Petite Sirah as DCV.

Brenda's Winemaking - Her "Fog" Vintage

Brenda calls 2007 her "fog" vintage. Not because of an abnormal weather pattern. Rather, her winemaking memories for the year are a bit "foggy" due to the birth of her twins Katie and Porter on August 16. By all recollections...

Fermentation took place in an open top fermenter, with 3 times per day punch-downs. The wine was barreled down dirty and malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. Brenda's oak regime was 100% used one and two year old French oak barrels as she wanted to minimize the extraction of tannins from the wood, yet still layer in some nice oak character. The wine spent 19 months in barrel before its May 2009 bottling.

Tasting Notes

Complex, ever-evolving nose of ultra ripe jammy fruit, spice and milk chocolate. Classic Petite Sirah mouth-feel - big upfront fruit, a viscous and lush middle, then ripe and puckering tannins. So young, so young... but tasting so good.



Information

Vintage:	2007
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Alcohol:	15%
Produced:	139 cases



The constellation 'Canis Major' is famous the world over; resembling a large dog, it is known as 'The Greater Dog'. Canis Major seems a fitting name for our "big dog" wines.

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