



## 2014 PETITE SIRAH

100% Petite Sirah

**Vineyard Notes:** Grown on one single acre of our 18-acre estate mountain vineyard at 2,200 feet elevation in rocky red volcanic soil. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic “closed system,” where Biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role. The 2014 vintage began with a slightly early bud-break, marked by mild, even temperatures. Spring at 2,200 feet elevation was virtually frost-free. Summer heat is the norm for our mountain vineyard and this year was no exception. Heat spikes gave us a string of days of up to 110 degrees, tempered by cooling coastal breezes in the evenings, providing the perfect growing season. Despite the early start, ripening slowed toward the end of the season, providing the luxury of a long hang time and extended harvest. The fruit showed beautiful balance and ideal maturity. Harvest was September 17<sup>th</sup>. Three tons per acre.



**Winemaker's Notes:** Hand crafted in an old-world style. We use minimal intervention in the cellar to bring the highest expression of our Lake County Red Hills vineyard's terroir to every glass. Alcohol: 14.1%; pH 3.55; Cooperage: Aged 20 months in 100% French Oak; Production: 215 cases

**Tasting Notes:** Deeply suffused and dense ruby color; floral notes of violet and rose with a finish of white pepper fill the nose with an elegantly complex fragrance. The juxtaposition of both black and red fruit is the perfect marriage, with notes of blackberry, raspberry and blueberry. Finely integrated tannins provide the structure indicative of the varietal.



### Accolades

92 Points *Wine Enthusiast* "Cellar Selection"

93 Points *Tasting Panel Magazine*

Gold Medal *Tasters Guild Int'l Wine Competition*

Gold Medal *Critics Challenge Int'l Wine & Spirits Competition*



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