

## **2016 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 2016 growing season exhibited moderate temperatures. We saw slow, even development and ripening in the vineyard which allowed for long hang time. This gave the wine complexity, depth of color and flavors, and balance of fruit and acid. Harvest was September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</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: 13.2% pH: 3.55; Cooperage: Aged 20 months in 100% French oak; Production: 266 cases

## **Tasting Notes:**

Aromas of boysenberry, dark chocolate and brush... notes of dusted chocolate mint, violets and a sinewy, gliding finish of licorice and purple fruit.



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