

La Storia

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE
2020



WINEMAKER NOTES

It would be easy to say that 2020 grape harvest season was challenging but that would be a great understatement. Between the fires, the smoke and COVID-19 safety guidelines, stress levels were at all-time high for all winemakers throughout the West Coast. I have 20 harvests at Trentadue (30 total in California) under my belt, but this one was absolutely the most challenging vintage of my career (the previous was 2019). The vintage started early and finished earlier than usual. We harvested most Zinfandel blocks and some Petite Sirah before the Labor Day heatwave but all the Bordeaux variety grapes still had weeks to ripen on the vine so we gave them the time to recover knowing that we may have a problem with the smoke from the fires. Alexander Valley, where all of our Estate is located, was relatively far from all fires this year. In short-we are glad the vintage is over, and the wines are safe in the barrels. So far none of the wines show any unusual taste or smell, as a matter of fact due to the small crop the wines are very concentrated and lush.

Our La Storia Petite Sirah is as usually impressive and imposing with very dark, opaque color, beautiful nose of concentrated blue berries and blackberries that leads to a full body mouth feel with engagingly soft (for Petite Sirah) tannins. After short aeration, the nose opens with the addition of cocoa, violets, slight earthiness, and graphite followed by brown sugar and a touch of vanilla-contribution of the new oak barrels. Overall, the aromas are of fresh dark fruit and very attractive. Longevity, if stored properly, is one of the virtues of this variety and it will give you the most enjoyment in 5-8 years.

Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

76% Petite Sirah
13% Zinfandel
4% Syrah
3% Malbec
2% Sangiovese
1% Merlot
1% Cabernet Franc

PRODUCTION

1,778 Cases

BOTTLED

January 2022

RELEASE DATE

March, 2022

AGING

17 months in 20% new French and American oak 100% barrel aged

ALCOHOL

14.9%

RESIDUAL SUGAR .41%

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley Estate

pH 3.68

WINEMAKER

Miro Tcholakov

TOTAL ACID

.64g/100ml