

Twisted Oak



CALAVERAS COUNTY
PETITE SIRAH
2005

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Gold Medal, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition!
Gold Medal, Orange County Wine Competition!

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of your rich uncle's old **cedar cigar box** blend smoothly into plum and blueberry explosions. When the **fruit bombing** stops you are left with a creamy smooth sensation of vanilla and cream. It's like **Grandma's egg nog**, Christmas Eve: nutmeg, cloves, allspice. There are some pert and **supple tannins** you'll definitely want to hang with and let soften in the glass. A wine that leaves you **smiling seductively**, on the inside....

PRODUCTION NOTES

This Petite Sirah comes from the Salt Springs valley in Calaveras. It is an early ripener with great natural tannin structure that does not inhibit the darker ripe fruit characters. The 2005 growing season started with a late bloom followed by a fairly average warming season which enabled us to acclimate the vines to the intense summer in this warm region. The fruit load was thinned to a projected 2.5 tons per acre, quite a small crop for these rich deep soils. To achieve full maturation of fruit without sacrificing natural acidity, we harvested this in the middle of September.

TECHNICAL NITTY GRITTY

Varietals & Vineyards:

100% Petite Sirah from Frog's Tooth Vineyard

Harvest Date:

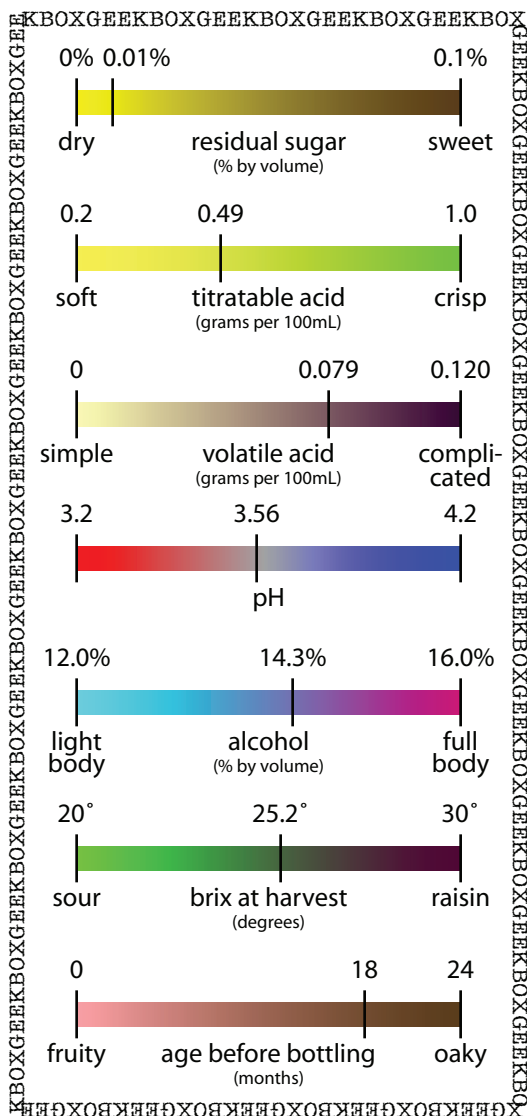
September 25th, 2005

Oak Program:

25% new American oak
20% one year old American oak
15% two year old American oak
40% neutral oak

Food Pairings: Steak and Eggs!

any grilled meat, even SPAM!
or bacon... mmmm, bacon...
and of course french toast
and custard donuts... mmmm, donuts...



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