

2017 Reflexion

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FAMILY VINEYARD

In April 2019, Erich started tasting all our lots of red wine, and the 2017 Petite Sirah was so good that he knew he had to bottle a wine with the Petite Sirah as a major component. Erich did not want to do a straight Petite Sirah so he blended it with the Russell Family Vineyard Bordeaux- a co-fermented lot of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and a little Syrah. The varietals were aged separately until one week before we bottled. This wine turned out to be one of the best of the season.

APPELLATION

Paso Robles Westside, Willow Creek District

GRAPE VARIETIES

41% Petite Sirah, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, 11% Syrah, 10% Petit Verdot

SOIL

The Live Oak Vineyard is very steep and has Calcareous soil. In fact, the free lime in the soil is between 21 to 42 percent. The slopes are very steep and the vineyard is South facing. The soils range from a PH of 7.8 to 8.2

ANALYSIS DATA: PH 3.82 TA 0.61

VINEYARD

The grapes were all grown in the Willow Creek District in West Paso Robles. This is the coolest area of Paso Robles as we are close to the ocean and a breeze comes up every afternoon to cool even the hottest days. It is not uncommon for it to be 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the winery only 7 miles to the North. The vineyard is planted meter by 2 meter so there are about 2200 vines per acre.

VINIFICATION:

There were two separate lots used to create this wine. The first lot was co-fermented Petite Sirah, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, and the second lot was co-fermented Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The two lots were aged totally separate and then blended just before bottling. Both lots of wine were cold soaked, and left on the skins for about 30 days.

ALCOHOL

15.6%

CASES PRODUCED

235

TASTING NOTES:

Get ready for a show-stopper! Reflexion (the French spelling), is an aromatic and complex red wine with rose-petal, blackberries, and currant characteristics. It is full-bodied, and polished; fine and long. Beautiful now but will improve in time. This wine can only be described as SILK. Despite its massive layers of fruit, it stays opulent and graceful and is an undeniably sexy wine to drink over the next ten years. A tasty mixture of flavor and structure emerge from this thrilling Bordeaux blend created by Erich Russell.

