

Frank Family Vineyards

2013 Napa Valley Petite Sirah

Harvest Dates:

September 19th through October 7th, 2013

Blend Composition:

100% Petite Sirah

Appellation:

Napa Valley (99% Rutherford)

Vineyard:

This wine comes from our Benjamin Vineyard, which is located east of Conn Creek Road in the heart of the Rutherford AVA. Purchased by the Franks in 2012, the 87-acre parcel was formerly known as Wood Ranch and belonged to Frank “Laurie” Wood, whose family had farmed the property for three generations. Today it is named “Benjamin Vineyard” for Rich and Leslie Frank’s youngest grandson. The majority of the 70 planted acres are dedicated to Cabernet Sauvignon, with small amounts of Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Zinfandel. The vineyard’s location on the valley floor exposes it to long hours of sunshine and cool breezy nights, allowing for slow and steady grape maturation. The vineyard is composed of gravelly loam soil as a result of sediment from the Conn Creek and Napa River which flowed through the region thousands of years ago.

Cooperage:

20 months in 33% new French oak barrels and 67% in once and twice-used French oak barrels

Tasting Notes:

A near perfect growing season produced a wine that is classic Napa Valley Petite Sirah. Aromas of black tea, fresh plums, cinnamon, rhubarb and white pepper rise from this dark, inky wine, and lead to a mouth-enveloping palate of chewy tannins and sweet dark chocolate-covered blueberries with a hint of vanilla.

Technical Data:

14.5% Alcohol

3.78 pH

0.54 g/100ml TA

SRP \$35

1000 cases bottled August 3rd, 2015

Winemaker Todd Graff