

Twisted Oak



CALAVERAS COUNTY
PETITE SIRAH
2006

2006 Calaveras County Petite Sirah

Double Gold, Best of Sierra Foothills,
California State Fair!
Double Gold, Best of Appellation,
AppellationAmerica.com!!

TASTING NOTES

Massive aromas of black cherries, tar, lilac, nutmeg, and a slight minerality - along with **humongous** flavors of black pepper, cherries, dried herbs, and plums - leading to a **ginormous** finish of blackberries! **Petite? Snort!**

PRODUCTION NOTES

This Petite Sirah comes from two different but very **important** vineyards for us here at the Oak. The majority comes from the **Tanner Vineyard** right here in our own valley. The vineyard has a gentle south-facing slope with very shallow soils and great (sometimes too great) drainage. This allows us to better control the irrigation, although with soils this shallow, we are often giving this vineyard much more water than other Calaveras sites. The second source is the **Frogstooth Vineyard** located in 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 2006 growing season started with an early bloom followed by a long and normal warming pattern. This enabled us to acclimate the vines to the typical summer heat in this warm region. The fruit load at both vineyards was kept under 3.25 tons per acre which is a fairly small crop for this often vigorous varietal. The naturally **intense flavors** and body of this great varietal make it a great match for the Calaveras region.

TECHNICAL NITTY GRITTY

Varietals & Vineyards:

84% Petite Sirah from Tanner Vineyard
16% Petite Sirah from the Frogstooth Vineyard

Harvest Date:

October 2nd, 2006 (Tanner) - September 5th, 2006 (Frogstooth)

Oak Program:

30% new American oak
30% one year old American oak
40% neutral oak

Food Pairings: Steak and Eggs!

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

Suggested Retail Price: \$24

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