

2008 Calaveras County Petite Sirah

“It’s Merely Hugel!”

TASTING NOTES

Massive aromas of cherries and blackberries, with touches of currants, violets, and anise - along with **humongous** jammy flavors of boysenberries, blueberries, and black currants - leading to a **ginormous** finish of semisweet chocolate! **Petite? Snort!**

PRODUCTION NOTES

2008 was a real **challenge** to local grapegrowers, starting with devastating frosts in areas throughout the Sierra Foothills. At the Tanner Vineyard, a **sunny** southern exposure helped to avoid catastrophic frost damage that affected so many vineyards throughout the state. Petite Sirah, luckily, buds out later in the spring and thus much damage was avoided. In fact, varieties like these gave **better** than average quality since yields were naturally reduced, giving good **concentration** and flavors. Good weather throughout the growing season helped us bring in some excellent quality grapes.

At the winery, we destemmed the grapes into open topped tanks for fermentation, where we gently **punched down** the cap three times a day. After fermentation, this ‘Pet’ was put to sleep in our Underground Lair™. We aged the wine in French, American and Hungarian Oak barrels for complexity and to soften the tannins. A small amount of Mourvedre, also from the Tanner Vineyard, was added to soften the palate a bit and to add some additional berry characters in the final blend.

TECHNICAL NITTY GRITTY

Varietals & Vineyards:

90% Petite Sirah, 10% Mourvedre from Tanner Vineyard

Harvest Date:

September 5th, 2008

Oak Program:

35% new French, Hungarian, & American oak
65% 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...

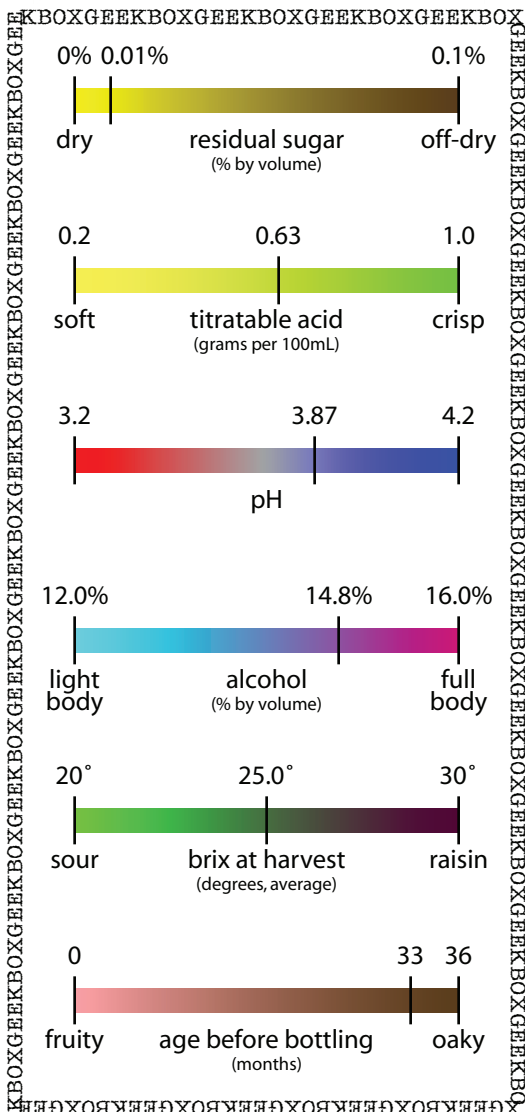
Or how about a big fat ribeye steak. And a sauce for that?

Try a reduction with finely chopped shallots and carrot,
a sprig’s worth of rosemary, and a little lavender or dried Herbs du Provence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24

500 cases produced

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