

La Storia

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE
2013



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2013 Trentadue Harvest started on September 11th, which is slightly earlier than previous year. The pace quickly sped up towards the end of September as many varieties ripened at the same time, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Merlot, and Zinfandel. As you might guess, it created some tank space issues, but with some tricky tank movements and creative picking schedules we were able to pull it off and quality remained unaffected. This rapid pace allowed harvest to end around the last week in October, roughly two-to-three weeks earlier than “normal” seasons. The yields in 2013 were lower than the record breaking 2012 but still slightly above average.

As usual, about 70% of the grapes were fermented in closed top Stainless Steel tanks and the rest in small ½ ton open top bins. The 2013 La Storia Petite Sirah was made by blending together most of our best blocks of Petite Sirah with some Zinfandel and Syrah. It has a very dark, opaque color, beautiful nose of concentrated blueberries and blackberries that leads to a full body mouth feel with engagingly soft tannins. After short aeration the nose opens up with the addition of cocoa and slight earthiness followed by brown sugar and a touch of vanilla, which is contribution from the new oak barrels. Overall the aromas are of fresh dark fruit and very attractive. This wine will definitely age well and if stored properly it will give you the most enjoyment in 3-6 years. Cheers

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TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL 77% Petite Sirah 15% Syrah 8% Zinfandel	PRODUCTION 2237 Cases	AGING 11 months in 25% new French, American and European oak
APPELLATION Alexander Valley Estate	BOTTLED November, 2014	ALCOHOL 14.3%
WINEMAKER Miro Tcholakov	RELEASE DATE March, 2015	RESIDUAL SUGAR .35%
		pH 3.68
		TOTAL ACID .61g/100ml