

LaStoria

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE
2014



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2014 harvest began with one of the earliest bud breaks in history shortly after our Old Vine Block 601 Sangiovese woke up on March 10th, the other varieties quickly followed suit. As one would guess, the harvest had a record early start as well. Other than shifting the growing season up three weeks, the growing conditions were just about perfect with normal to slightly below normal yields. The best thing about the early harvest was that the malolactic fermentations finished quickly due to the warm weather.

As usual, about 70% of the grapes were fermented in closed top Stainless Steel tanks and the balance in small 1/2 ton open top bins. The 2014 La Storia Petite Sirah was made by blending together most of our best blocks of Petite Sirah, including some Zinfandel, Carignane and Syrah. This wine has a very dark, opaque color, a 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. Overall, the aromas are of fresh dark fruit and is very attractive. This wine will definitely age well and if stored properly will give you the most enjoyment in 5-8 years. Cheers!

MIRO TCHOLAKOV

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL
79% Petite Sirah
9% Syrah
9% Carignane
3% Zinfandel

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley Estate

WINEMAKER
Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION
2012 Cases

BOTTLED
January, 2016

RELEASE DATE
March, 2016

AGING
15 months in 25%
new French, American
and European oak

ALCOHOL
14.4%

RESIDUAL SUGAR
.35%

pH
3.69

TOTAL ACID
.60g/100ml