

La Storia

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE

2015



WINEMAKER NOTES

2015 Harvest began with one of the earliest bud breaks in history. Our Old Vine block 601 Sangiovese was the first one to awaken in February 18th. The rest of the varieties followed with 3 weeks earlier than normal bud break and as you may guessed it the harvest started record early as well. The growing conditions were good with the exception of a cold weather during the bloom that caused low fruit set resulting in yields below normal to as low as 50% off on our Cabernet blocks. The best thing about the early harvest is 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 rest in small ½ ton open top bins. The 2015 La Storia Petite Sirah was made by blending together most of our best blocks of Petite Syrah including some Zin and Syrah.

Our 2015 Petite Sirah has a very dark, opaque color, beautiful nose of concentrated blue berries 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, slight earthiness followed by brown sugar and a touch of vanilla-contribution of 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 5-8 years.

Cheers! Miro Tcholakov

MIRO TCHOLAKOV

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL 90% Petite Sirah 6% Syrah 4% Zinfandel	PRODUCTION 2012 Cases BOTTLED January, 2017	AGING 15 months in 30% new French, American and European oak
APPELLATION Alexander Valley Estate	RELEASE DATE March, 2017	ALCOHOL 15.1%
WINEMAKER Miro Tcholakov		RESIDUAL SUGAR .45%
		pH 3.68
		TOTAL ACID .63g/100ml