



2008  
PETITE SIRAH  
ALEXANDER VALLEY

The deep color of the 2008 Petite Sirah indicates the size of this wine. It is big and lush while retaining great balance. The aromas of dark fruit are complimented by hints of dark cocoa, charcoal, dried herbs, and minerals. The round mouth feel shows blueberry and currant flavors. The finish has notes of earth and spiced chocolate along with rich layered tannins and firm acidity. As usual, our Petite Sirah is supple enough that it is hard to set aside, but for those who can wait awhile, it should develop and evolve for at least 15 years.

WINEMAKERS: CHRIS & SCOT BILBRO

GRAPE SOURCE: ALEXANDER VALLEY

COLOR: DARK RUBY

AGING POTENTIAL: AT LEAST 15 YEARS

-ACCLAIM FOR MARIETTA PETITE SIRAH-

"The 2007 Petite Sirah from Marietta displays blackberry, incense, camphor, and floral-infused blueberry notes. It has very sweet tannins and a rich, full-throttle, pedal-to-the-metal mouthfeel. There's not a hard edge, but the wine is intense, rich, and capable of lasting 15 or more years. It is another great buy from this value-packed portfolio."

"The Petite Sirah looks like blue/purple-colored motor oil. Seriously intense notes of blueberries, blackberries, camphor, and flowers are accompanied by a boatload of tannins, but they are relatively civilized in this big, full-bodied wine. It should soften over the next decade, hold steady for another 10-15 years, and still be alive at age 30."

"The inky/blue/purple-tinged Petite Sirah reveals surprisingly sweet tannins for a wine from this varietal in addition to notes of blackberries, incense, and graphite, medium to full body, and a silky texture."

"The blockbuster Petite Sirah is a full-bodied, dense, chewy effort with outstanding ripeness, sweet tannin, a big, robust mouthfeel, and an inky, rich, concentrated finish displaying surprising density. It is accessible, but will age nicely for 10-15 years."

-ROBERT M. PARKER JR. - THE WINE ADVOCATE-

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