



2021 'DEFIANCE VINEYARD' PETITE SIRAH

- CRESTON DISTRICT - PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA
- AGED IN 15% NEW AMERICAN OAK BARRELS AND 20% NEW AND 65% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK BARRELS FOR 18 MONTHS
- ALC. 15% BY VOL.
- 168 CASES MADE
- BLACKBERRY, BLACK PEPPER, TOBACCO

This is our first vineyard-designated Petite Sirah from Defiance Vineyard.

Defiance Vineyard, established in 2012 in the Creston District of Paso Robles, provides an ideal environment for Petite Sirah. This varietal thrives in the vineyard's climate, characterized by very warm days and cool nights, where the variety develops its hallmark robust and full characteristics associated with ripeness. These temperature variations are crucial for developing the grape's complex flavors while maintaining necessary acidity.

Defiance Vineyard's commitment to sustainable, hand-farmed practices further enhances the quality of our Petite Sirah.

In crafting this wine, we hand-harvest the grapes, ferment them in open-top tanks, and perform three daily punch-downs to ensure even fermentation and optimal flavor extraction. After fermentation, the wine ages in a mix of new and neutral oak barrels for 18 months to develop depth and complexity. Only the best barrels are selected for this single-vineyard bottling. The remaining barrels contribute to our blended wine, 'Maelstrom'.

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