

La Storia

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE
2021



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2021 harvest year was near perfect for growing grapes and a second year of a lighter than normal crop. The berry size was smaller than average delivering exceptional flavors, intense color, beautiful grapes, fruit forward and ripe. The season started early and cold and it was void of long, lingering heatwaves leading to relatively early to normal harvest dates with most grapes ripening at the same time. Unusually our Zin ripened later than our young block of Cabernet. Overall, we had about 10% lower yields but unevenly dispersed between the varieties with Merlot and Zin being notably lower than normal.

Our La Storia Petite Sirah is as usually impressive and imposing with very dark, opaque color, beautiful nose of concentrated blue berries and blackberries that leads to a full body mouth feel with engagingly soft (for Petite Sirah) tannins. After short aeration, the nose opens with the addition of cocoa, violets, slight earthiness, and graphite 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. Longevity, if stored properly, is one of the virtues of this variety and it will give you the most enjoyment in 5-8 years.

Cheers!

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

75% Petite Sirah
20% Sirah
3% Zinfandel
2% Montepulciano

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley Estate

WINEMAKER

Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION

1,402 Cases

BOTTLED

April
20th 2023

RELEASE DATE

September, 2023

AGING

18 months in 20% new
Oak (8% French 10%
American)
100% barrel aged

ALCOHOL

14.9%

RESIDUAL SUGAR .35%

pH 3.60

TOTAL ACID

.61g/100ml