

La Storia

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE
2016



WINEMAKER NOTES

2016 Harvest began with yet another early bud break. Our Old Vine block 601 Sangiovese was the first one to awaken in February 20th. 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 great for the rest of the season with the exception of a week or two of a mini heat wave. Our yields from all blocks were down about 10% of the average

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 2016 La Storia Petite Sirah was made by blending together most of our best blocks of Petite Syrah including some Zin and Syrah. The 2016 Petite Sirah is an impressive wine with 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. 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!

MIRO TCHOLAKOV

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL
75% Petite Sirah
19% Syrah
3% Zinfandel
2% Sangiovese
1% Carignane

APPELLATION
Alexander Valley Estate

WINEMAKER
Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION
2065 Cases

BOTTLED
February, 2018

RELEASE DATE
March, 2018

AGING
23 months in 32% new
French and European
oak

ALCOHOL
14.8%

RESIDUAL
SUGAR .4%

pH
3.53

TOTAL ACID
.59g/100ml