

La Storia

PETITE SIRAH

ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE  
2019



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 season had an interesting mix of conditions to say the least! We had a lot of rain in March and in May, fire in October with evacuations and power outages, other than that the quality was spectacular! The only grapes not harvested before the fire started was our small block of Montepulciano, but we managed to harvest before the fire became more serious. Otherwise, the growing season was relatively mild and long without any heat waves or other surprises. The crop yields were lower than 2018 and the quality was high.

In 2019 about 85% of the grapes were fermented in closed top stainless steel tanks and the rest in small ½ ton open top bins. The 2019 La Storia Petite Sirah was made by blending Blocks 400 and 405 including some Zin and Syrah.

The 2019 vintage was excellent year for Petite Sirah because of the long and relatively cool ripening season with uniformed berry size and no significant shriveling. The wine is impressive 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, 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!

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

76% Petite Sirah  
11% Sirah  
8% Zinfandel  
2% Merlot  
2% Montepulciano  
1% Sangiovese

PRODUCTION

2,1164 Cases

BOTTLED

January 2021

RELEASE DATE

March, 2021

AGING

14 months in 14% new French and American oak 100% barrel aged

ALCOHOL

14.9%

RESIDUAL SUGAR .35%

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley Estate

pH 3.71

WINEMAKER

Miro Tcholakov

TOTAL ACID

.64g/100ml