



FROG'S LEAP

2005 PETITE SIRAH *Galleron Vineyard — Rutherford*

THE BLEND

100% Petite Sirah
100% Rutherford

PRODUCTION

788 cases

RELEASE DATE

September 2007

STATISTICS

harvested ~
October 2 - October 4
24° brix at harvest
14.2 % alcohol
0.61 gr/1 total acidity
3.53 pH
aged 10 ½ months
on French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

A BRIEF HISTORY

For over 100 years, Cabernet Sauvignon has been the grape of choice in Rutherford — Niebaum, Tchelistcheff, and Daniel all established that fact. However, during that time, another red grape began to slowly gain fame in Rutherford, albeit on a much smaller stage. Petite sirah was grown alongside the zinfandels of the day by many an old time grower and it was known to thrive in the “dust.”

During the initial planting of the Galleron Vineyard in 1998, Frank Leeds, our vineyard guru, gave his uncle and pioneering grape grower, Roy Chavez, a tour. When Roy saw the gravelly soils that stretch across the south side, he intuitively uttered, “You should put some Pets on that gravel.” And so we did. There are some who believe that every patch of soil in the Napa Valley can be matched to a particular varietal and yield extraordinary results. We can't say that for sure, but when it comes to this little Petite sirah, we feel we have found a match made in heaven.

ABOUT THE WINE

When we crushed the 2005 vintage of Petite Sirah we knew we had something special. The fragrance of the fermentation had us lingering over tanks and the intense inky color permanently stained the press. This was destined to be an extraordinary wine. Here, in this wine, the meaty, gamey, and inky black fruit of Petite Sirah meet up with Rutherford terroir, which adds a velvet-like touch to the tannins and a deep sense of damp earth. Dense and rich, the wine's finish seems as though it will last until the dishes are done.