



# FROG'S LEAP

## 2016 PETITE SIRAH *Rutherford*

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### THE BLEND

100% Petite sirah

### RELEASE DATE

September 2018

### STATISTICS

harvested —

August 31

23.3° brix at harvest

13.8% alcohol

5.1 g/L total acidity

3.6 pH

aged 12 months

in French oak

### WINEMAKERS

John Williams

Paula Moschetti

Rory Williams

### VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

### 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 plot 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 patch of Petite sirah, we feel we have found a match made in heaven.

### ABOUT THE WINE

Our 2016 Petite Sirah makes a fierce argument for its little patch of gravel in our Galleron Vineyard in the heart of Rutherford, an area renowned for its Cabernet sauvignon. Everyone loves Cabernet, of course, and with some of the best Cabernet soils in the world here in the Rutherford AVA, why wouldn’t you plant Cabernet wall to wall? The 2016 Petite Sirah answers that question with attitude. With its deep, exotic aromas of blueberries and fresh-picked herbs, it is a bit on the wild side. Pairing with a wood oven-roasted wild boar might be the perfect choice for that special dinner party with friends this fall.