ARROWSMITH

2021 PETITE SIRAH

Arroyo Grande Valley AVA





Vineyard

Tres Niños Vineyard lies in a narrow, flat-bottomed valley in the foothills of the Arroyo Grande Valley, just east of Lopez Lake, where High Mountain Road turns to dirt and meanders into the wilderness. The site is sheltered, and its long, warm growing season gives Petite Sirah the time it needs to ripen fully. In 2021 we picked in early November without letting the fruit hang, which preserved its acidity and tannin structure and kept the alcohol to a moderate 13.4%.

Grapes

100% Petite Sirah

Winemaking

- Winemaker: Ariki Hill
- Harvested: November 2021 at 21.6ºBx
- Juice at harvest: pH 3.39, TA 4.7 g/L
- Aged in 100% neutral French oak
- Alcohol: 13.4%
- Production: 75 cases
- 100% vegan

Tasting Notes

Dark and dense in the glass, with violet on the nose and blackberry, blackcurrant and ripe plum on the palate. The tannins carry a note of licorice and black tea, firm enough to give the wine its structure and in balance with the depth of the fruit. Drink now through 2030.

Serving Suggestions

Petite Sirah is our first choice with rich tomato sauces: an eggplant parmigiana, a slow-cooked tomato and lentil ragù over pappardelle, or a wood-fired pizza with mushrooms and roasted peppers. For the cheese course, a Gorgonzola piccante or a mature Stilton, and to finish, dark chocolate.

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