

2009 PETITE SIRAH

BROWN BARN VINEYARD



ABOUT THE WINE

Petite Sirah is often used as a blending grape, adding intense color and structure to cuvées of note. When featured on its own, Petite Sirah is often a dramatic, complex and intense, age-worthy wine. Alexander Valley, with its warmer Mediterranean climate, is an ideal location for this varietal. Grapes for our Brown Barn Vineyard Petite Sirah were cool fermented in temperature controlled, open topped fermentation tanks and gently punched down by hand. This time-consuming, gentle processing optimizes fruit extraction and limits harsh tannins. The resulting wine was aged for 24 months in French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of ripe, juicy blueberries, blackberries, plums, mocha and peppery spice delight the nose and continue as flavors in the velvety-rich mouth and linger through the long, delicious finish.

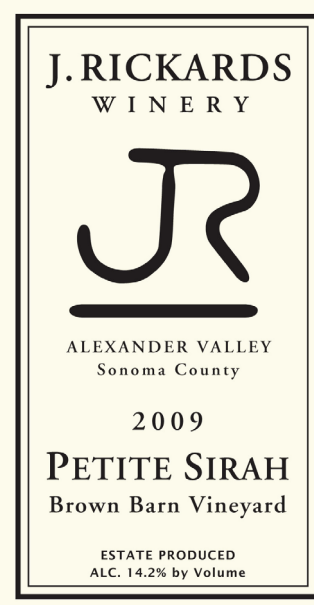
TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL BLEND:	100% Petite Sirah
APPELLATION:	Alexander Valley
HARVEST DATES:	October 26, 2009
SUGAR AT HARVEST:	24.2° Brix
ALCOHOL:	14.2%
pH:	3.79
TA:	0.56 g/100ml
RELEASE DATE:	November 3, 2011
TOTAL PRODUCTION:	185 cases

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

90 POINTS & EDITOR'S CHOICE – *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

BRONZE MEDAL – *2012 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*



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ABOUT THE VINES

The Brown Barn Petite Sirah block is located just south of the winery (right next to the Brown Barn). The east-facing slope of this vineyard allows filtered early-morning sunlight and afternoon breezes into the vine canopy, while shading and protecting the vineyard from the hot afternoon sun. The vines were field-grafted in the traditional style, using clones of Petite Sirah from several local (and historic vineyards), including Beeson, Rafanelli, Pedroncelli and Foppiano. The soils in this vineyard are clay-rich and nutrient-poor, which inhibit vine growth and vigor and result in grapes (and consequently wine) with intense aromas and flavors and a wonderful balance of ripeness and acidity.

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