

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2013 Mixed Black

Estate Reserve Blend

The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives considerably more rainfall than seen below in Paso Robles.

The Wine

This full-bodied blend is comprised of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Grenache – all from our Estate-grown fruit.

This wine is quite a departure from previous Mixed Black bottlings as we've increased the Petite Sirah and the Zinfandel percentages considerably, even more than last year's offering. American and European oak-aging has lent the **2013 Mixed Black** soft oak tannins accompanied by subtle spice nuances. This nicely-structured wine features a pleasant, round mouthfeel with bright fruit aromas and flavors. The Grenache provides the blend with a slight earthiness and pepper character, while the Zinfandel in the blend really pulls the fruity raspberry notes forward, and the Petite Sirah lends its' dark color and abundant soft tannins to the finished blend. This wine will likely benefit from an additional couple of years of bottle ageing.

The Blend

61% Zinfandel
33% Petite Sirah
6% Grenache

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation
100% 2013 Vintage
Finished Alcohol: 14.3

The Petite Sirah and Grenache were co-fermented in a single small open top fermenter, while the Zinfandel was fermented individually in open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast. These resulting musts were fermented for 12 days on their skins then pressed in a small, modern pneumatic bladder press. Aged on *American and French Oak*.

The 2013 Vintage yielded just 103 cases.