

NADEAU

Family Vintners

2004 Petite Sirah

Paso Robles

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. At nearly 2000 feet in elevation, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles (Elev: 960')

The Wine

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2004 Petite Sirah is estate produced (which means we grew the grapes and made the wine here). About two thirds of the grapes are from trellised vines while the remainder of the fruit was harvested from the head-pruned vines which surround the tasting room and winery. The wine from these grapes is certainly dark with a surprising amount of fruitiness given that Petite Sirah has a reputation for being a cumbersome, tannic wine. Layers of fruit mingle with well-integrated oak, making this a wonderful wine to accompany strong cheeses and robust fare.

The Blend

80% Petite Sirah; 20% Zinfandel

The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2004 Vintage

100% Nadeau (Home Ranch) Vineyard

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 24.3 Brix; TA: 0.66 gm./100mL; pH: 3.50

Finished Wine EtOH: 14.7% By Vol.

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 7 days on their skins then pressed in a small, horizontal basket-press. This wine was racked using a nitrogen blanket and/or gravity. Aged in one to three year-old American Oak barrels until it was racked, filtered and bottled.

The 2004 Vintage yielded only **5 Barrels (almost 110 cases.)**

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