

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## **2006 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.

### **The Wine**

The Nadeau Family Vintners' 2006 Petite Sirah is a blend of our Estate fruit and from a head-pruned vineyard situated west of us in the Clau Mine area. 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**

100% Petite Sirah

### **The Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2006 Vintage

40% Nadeau (Estate) Vineyard

60% Adelaida Springs Ranch

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 23.7 Brix; TA: 0.60 gm./100mL; pH: 3.54

Finished Wine EtOH: 14.2% By Vol.

The grapes were fermented in small, open-top fermentors with commercial (proprietary) yeast for 9 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 2006 Vintage yielded only 9 Barrels.

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