

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## **2008 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' 2008 Petite Sirah is an approachable, appealing offering. The wine from the Petite Sirah grape is quite dark yet offers a pretty fruitiness. In this bottling, 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% 2008 Vintage

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 24.1 Brix; TA: 0.60 gm./100mL; pH: 3.54

Finished Wine EtOH: 14.0% 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 2008 Vintage yielded only 83 cases.

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