

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## **2009 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' 2009 Petite Sirah is an approachable, appealing offering. The Petite Sirah grape typically yields wine which is quite dark, yet offers an appealing 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% 2009 Vintage

Harvest: August; Sugar @ Harvest: 24.3 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 11 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 2009 Vintage yielded only 90 cases.

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