

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## **2016 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 and Petite Sirah--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 **2016 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 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 may benefit from an additional couple of years of bottle ageing.

### **The Blend**

63% Zinfandel  
33% Petite Sirah  
4% Grenache

### **The Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation  
100% 2016 Vintage  
Finished Alcohol:

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 10 days on their skins then pressed in a small, modern pneumatic bladder press. Aged in *American and French Oak*.

The 2016 Vintage yielded just 71 cases.