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PETITE SIRAH
MENDOCINO COUNTY
GARZINI RANCH



2013 Petite Sirah is often used as a blending grape, adding intense color and structure to cuvées of note. When featured on its own, Petite Sirah is often a dramatic, complex and intense, age-worthy wine. Mendocino County, with its warmer Mediterranean climate, is an ideal location for this varietal. Warm days and cooler evenings with temperature swings of as much as 40° allows the fruit to hang on the vine for an extended growing season, ripening fully, producing powerful, richly flavored wines. This fine example of Petite Sirah comes from the Garzini Ranch, from the Talmage Bench on the eastern edge of the Ukiah Valley, a district well known for its distinctive character.

Winemaker Notes

"Some wines make a statement, and in this vintage, the Garzini Petite Sirah speaks loudly and with more than just a bit of quiet confidence. Indio blue-black in the glass, the no doubt about it aromas and flavors of black fruit such as blackberry, blueberry and black currants join and mingle with cassis and black cherry. Baker's chocolate is recognizable, along with nutmeg and allspice. In the mouth, the wine is rich, plush, big and powerful, with a structured acid backbone and soft, silky tannins that coat and linger as long as a fiery preacher's sermon on Sunday morning. It would be a shame to wait, but if you must, this is an ager, with the potential to develop to even greater glory over the next few years. An elegant but bold pairing with an array of dishes, standing well alongside hearty dishes such as Osso Bucco, roasted venison, filling cassoulets and richly sauced pastas. Feeling adventurous? Try strong blue cheeses on molten chocolate lava cake."

Randle Johnson, Winemaker

Blend:	98% Petite Sirah	Alcohol:	15.5%
	2% Zinfandel	Aging:	100% French oak, once and twice filled
TA:	0.57 gms/100ml	Harvest Date:	October 21, 2013
Ph:	3.49	Bottling Date:	March 4, 2015



Garzini Ranch, Mendocino County

The Garzini Ranch has a long and storied history in Mendocino County. First planted by the Garzini family in 1921, it was farmed with great care for many decades, until it passed to new owners, the Oswald Family who are 3rd generation farmers in Ukiah. With the promise that the history will be revered and appreciated, our Garzini bottling honors a tradition of family and friendship.

