



# 1999 PETITE SIRAH NAPA VALLEY



Joseph Conrad himself might have approved of this prodigiously proportioned, broodingly inky, nearly gothic bottling of Petite Sirah. Our first endeavor with this largely underrated, oft misunderstood varietal (unwittingly confused with Syrah, a mild mannered neighbor by comparison) is a wine for those seeking the ultimate robust rush. Not intended for the meek nor mild, this unctuous flirtation with pure hedonism offers up luscious, nearly monolithic rich berry fruit framed by moderate oak and further surrounded by well endowed, though entirely sweet tannins.

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| <b>APPELLATION</b>  | <i>Napa Valley<br/>98% Petite Sirah<br/>2% Cabernet Sauvignon</i> | <b>ANALYSIS</b>   | <i>Alcohol 13.8%<br/>pH 3.62<br/>TA .55</i> |
| <b>HARVEST</b>      | <i>October 1, 1999<br/>Picked 24.7 Brix</i>                       | <b>PRODUCTION</b> | <i>107 Cases</i>                            |
| <b>VINEYARD</b>     | <i>Palisades Vineyard</i>   | <b>BOTTLED</b>    | <i>August 28, 2001</i>                      |
| <b>BARREL AGING</b> | <i>22 Months<br/>33% New French Oak<br/>17% New American Oak</i>  | <b>NOTES</b>      |   |
| <b>RELEASE</b>      | <i>January, 2002</i>  |                   |   |

## H I S T O R Y

Founded in 1998 by Dave Miner, President of Oakville Ranch Vineyards, along with his wife Emily and his parents, Ed and Norma, Miner Family Vineyards produces small lot, hand crafted wines using fruit from Oakville Ranch, Ed and Norma's vineyard and other carefully selected California vineyards. We produce limited quantities of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Zinfandel, Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc using a combination of old world winemaking techniques and modern technology. The focus of our label is to produce high end, reserve style wines that reflect the unique characteristics of individual vineyards or "terroir" where specific varietals grow best.