



2007 PETITE SIRAH

Eaglepoint Ranch Vineyard, Mendocino



Vital Statistics

Varietal:	100% Petite Sirah (single vineyard)
Vineyard:	Eaglepoint Ranch Vineyard, Mendocino AVA, California
Harvest Date:	October 30, 2007
Harvest Brix:	25.2
Release Month:	January 2011
Alcohol:	14.5%

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The 82 acre Eaglepoint Ranch vineyard is located in Mendocino County at an elevation of 1,800 feet. Due to its elevation, temperatures at the ranch tend to be cooler than the nearby Ukiah Valley which can get very hot (100 degrees+) during the summer. Afternoon sea breezes also help keep the vineyard cooler than the hotter temperatures at the lower elevations. As a result, the vines are much less susceptible to heat stress and harvests tend to occur later in the fall giving the fruit plenty of “hang” time to mature on the vine.

Winemaking Notes

The 2007 growing season was more typical than the prolonged 2006 season. The grapes were harvested on October 30, and spent 5 days in cold soak prior to fermentation. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in a combination of new French oak and neutral oak barrels. The wine spent a total of 26 months of barrel aging prior to bottling in February 2010.

Tasting Notes

The 2007 Eaglepoint Petite Sirah is a classic Petite Sirah. The nose is aromatic and full of vibrant fruit and the color is a dark, inky purple. Features cherry, stewed tomato, okra and clay aromas with a racy dryish medium body and a tangy berry skin, cherry pit, and mineral dust finish. The tannins are well rounded, but not overbearing. Pairs well with hearty stews and roasts.

Medals

SILVER – 2011 New York Finger Lake International Wine Competition
SILVER – 86 Points Beverage Tasting Institute World Wine Championship – Jan 2011
SILVER – San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition