



2008 PETITE SIRAH

Eaglepoint Ranch Vineyard, Mendocino



Vital Statistics

Varietal:	100% Petite Sirah (single vineyard)
Vineyard:	Eaglepoint Ranch Vineyard, Mendocino AVA, California
Harvest Date:	October 7, 2008
Harvest Brix:	26
Release Month:	March 2013
Alcohol:	15%
Production:	97 cases

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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 grapes were harvested on October 7, 2008 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 27 months of barrel aging prior to bottling in February 2011.

Tasting Notes

Wow! This is a very rich and smooth Petite Sirah with the classic deep dark color you expect with a hint of purple around the edges. Unlike many Petites (think of our 2006 Eaglepoint) the 2008 is just a bit softer on the tannins which makes it more versatile for food pairings. The 2008 Petite Sirah features a beautiful aroma of dark cherry and berries with a hint of earthiness and a very rich and full mouth feel. Very drinkable now and will also age well for many years.