



RENWOOD WINERY
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2009 California Petite Sirah

Winemaker's Notes Fun and flavorful, in this vintage we blended in a bit of Tempranillo to help smooth out the rustic flavors that are found in classic Petite Sirah grapes. Aromas of blueberry, plum and a hint of orange zest. The flavors are thick and juicy with nice smooth tannins and a tart finish.

Vintage The growing season of 2009 was wetter than the two previous vintages. While we are still not out of a drought, the extra moisture was a welcome change. We saw a fairly late bud break and there was some challenge in getting the coolest areas ripe. The late ripening did favor great color in red grapes and good acidity in the white varieties.

Fermentation and Aging The use of older barrels does not impart oak aromas, but does give that wine more complexity and body. Petite Sirah is a great grape, but in our warm region it suffers from sunburn due to its thin canopy. The yields are low and the grapes tasty, but harvest is challenging. The Tempranillo however, is quite suited to our sunny summer climate, and the blend of the two makes for a better wine.



Technical Data:

Aged: 100% Used oak barrels

Bottled: April 2011

Varietal: 88% Petite Sirah,
12% Tempranillo

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.66

TA: 0.67g/100mL

RS: >.01%

Appellation: California

