FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

BEVILL-WOLCOTT VINEYARD • DRY CREEK VALLEY

2020 PETITE SIRAH





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The connection between a vine and the soil it's planted in creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinct sites in Sonoma County. Each vintage, our winemaking team seeks out the most expressive lots of fruit that best capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections we craft small-batch wines, which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, Wine Family members, and those who shop with us online.

BEVILL-WOLCOTT VINEYARD

Petite Sirah is a powerhouse red grape that makes dark, inky wines with ample tannins, dark rich fruit flavors, and bold expressions of spice, pepper, and chocolate. Our 2020 Petite Sirah originates from the Bevlil-Wolcott Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley, located on the bench of the appellation's foothills. This vineyard experiences excellent sun exposure and is comprised of well-drained gravelly loam soils that produce excellent fruit concentration. The owners have a long history with this vineyard, know its intricacies, and consistently coax intensely expressive, high quality fruit from these well pampered vines.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The warm spring in 2020 made for early bud break in most regions, followed by a cool March and April, and variable temperatures. Temperatures levelled off and stayed consistently warm throughout June and July and increasing again in August. During harvest, we ran micro-ferments to test for quality and found that the 2020 vintage wines are tasting exceptional.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Francis Coppola Reserve Petite Sirah revisits fruit from the Bevill-Wolcott Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley. The wine is savory, dark, and brooding, with inky concentration and tantalizing aromas of black fruit, dry-cured olives, and pipe tobacco. Rich flavors of blackberry pie, cigar box, and mocha create decadent layers of powerful flavor. Petite Sirah is renowned for its intense color and firm tannins, making it a valuable blending tool in the winery, but the Bevill-Wollcott Vineyard's savory notes and subtle black fruit make it a standout and an age-worthy single vineyard bottling.

Appellation Bevill-Wolcott Vineyard,

Dry Creek Valley

Blend 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol 14.9%

Total Acid .56g/100ml

pH 3.66

Barrel Regimen 18 months, 45% new French oak

