

Francis Coppola Reserve

2016
Dessert Wine

PETITE
SIRAH

Dry Creek Valley

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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 distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Our winemaking team hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that 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.

Dessert Wine

Once the grapes for this wine are harvested, they are placed in special tanks and allowed to only partially ferment before a clear neutral brandy is added to the wine to stop fermentation from completely converting the sugar. This is what creates a sweet wine as opposed to a traditional dry table wine. Our Petite Sirah Dessert Wine is aged in small oak barrels for an extended cellaring period in order to ease the tannins and heighten flavor complexity.

Winemaker's Notes

The 2016 vintage was characterized by staggered ripening and a harvest period that was spread out over many weeks, creating a slow pace that allowed the winemaking team to devote more attention to each batch of fruit. This extra care is reflected in the exceptional quality of the fruit, which demonstrates excellent flavor concentration and ripe tannins. Though the varietal typically boasts nuances of blackberries, plums, cherries, and dark chocolate, these flavors are transformed a bit through the fortification process, creating additional notes of spices and caramelized wood.

Tasting Notes

Our limited production 2016 Francis Coppola Reserve Dessert Wine is striking and decadent. The palate boasts fragrant flavors of raspberries, Luxardo cherries, gingerbread, and toasted wood, making it the perfect accompaniment to desserts such as plum clafoutis, chocolate torte, butterscotch budino, or after-dinner cheeses such as Stilton and Old Amsterdam.

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Blend: 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 19.0%

Residual Sugar: 7.5%

Barrel Regimen: 18 months in French oak



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