



Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata 2013 Petite Sirah, Estate

Petite Sirah is technically a Rhone variety since it is the offspring of Syrah and another Rhone variety, but here in California, we think of it as Zinfandel's big brother. Petite Sirah has the raspberry and spiciness just like the Zinfandel, but is much bigger in body and higher in tannin. So for those who love the flavor of Zin but need more umph to their wine, Petite Sirah is a great choice. 2013 was a warm, dry year, so this Petite Sirah has rich fruity flavors and hints of spiciness but the big component is tannin. This vintage is big and heavy so it really needs some time for the tannin to soften, or rich flavorful food now to mellow it out. Try our Flank Steak recipe; it is packed with flavor to make the Petite Sirah go down easy.

Harvested: September 29th and October 5th, 2013

Brix: 24.9

pH: 3.48

Fermented: 13 days in 1.5 ton

Pressed: Into neutral barrels

Alcohol: 13.6%

Bottled: March 15th, 2016

Production: 138 cases

Aging: A bit young but with very good flavors. Needs big rich flavors to mellow the tannin now. Best Fall 2016 to 2021.