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Petite Sirah, Salman Vineyards, Clarksburg 2015

Jeff Runquist Wines, California, USA

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eCommerce # 430297 | 14.8 % alc./vol. | \$49.15

The 2015 vintage has a deep purple colour with a bit of a magenta edge. The aroma and bouquet play equal roles in this wine. The aromas of boysenberry, blackberry and marionberry jam are deep and dense without turning earthen; the bouquet is that of toasted oak with notes of vanilla and dark chocolate and just a whiff of smoke. The flavours are juicy and succulent with loads of black currant and creamy sweet oak. The mature fully integrated tannins express themselves as a rich viscous texture that leads to a lingering finish that seems to go on forever. 2015 has an intensity and smooth richness that we haven't seen in years. **Terroir:**

Clarksburg is a special North Sacramento Delta wine grape appellation, although the soils are generally clay loam, these vineyards are situated near the Sierra Mountains with cool afternoon breezes that moderate the warm daytime temperatures. The grapes are grown by maximizing sunlight into the canopy, while this cooling trend helps to preserve natural acidity. Long hang time to get this Petite Sirah rich, extracted and inky black.



Variety: Petite Sirah 100% Residual sugar: 2 g/L

Serving suggestion and food pairing: Serve at 18°C. This is not a Petite Sirah to cellar, but rather to enjoy tonight with a grilled steak or braised short ribs, on second thought, the tannins are so soft and smooth you could drink this wine by itself and find it immensely satisfying.

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