



## FROG'S LEAP

### 2008 PETITE SIRAH *Galleron Vineyard — Rutherford*

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#### **THE BLEND**

100% Petite Sirah  
100% Rutherford

#### **RELEASE DATE**

March 2011

#### **STATISTICS**

harvested —  
September 1  
24.1° brix at harvest  
13.6% alcohol  
5.7 gr/L total acidity  
3.81 pH  
aged 11 months  
on French oak

#### **WINEMAKERS**

John Williams  
Paula Moschetti

#### **A BRIEF HISTORY**

For over 100 years, Cabernet Sauvignon has been the grape of choice in Rutherford — Niebaum, Tchelistcheff, and Daniel all established that fact. However, during that time, another red grape began to slowly gain fame in Rutherford, albeit on a much smaller stage. Petite sirah was grown alongside the zinfandels of the day by many an old time grower and it was known to thrive in the “dust.”

During the initial planting of the Galleron Vineyard in 1998, Frank Leeds, our vineyard guru, gave his uncle and pioneering grape grower, Roy Chavez, a tour. When Roy saw the gravelly soils that stretch across the south side, he intuitively uttered, “You should put some Pets on that gravel.” And so we did. There are some who believe that every patch of soil in the Napa Valley can be matched to a particular varietal and yield extraordinary results. We can't say that for sure, but when it comes to this little Petite sirah, we feel we have found a match made in heaven.

#### **ABOUT THE WINE**

Our fourth vintage of this Napa heritage varietal has once again produced a wine with seductive blueberry aromas and an intense, dark indigo hue. Subtle layers of smoke and damp earth underscore the brightness of the blueberry, plum and cassis flavors. A hint of spice gives the wine that unexpected note of surprise. Provocative, with supple tannins and a long finish, this Petite remains bright on the palate. A perfect partner to your roasted lamb!