



FROG'S LEAP

2009 PETITE SIRAH *Galleron Vineyard — Rutherford*

THE BLEND

100% Petite Sirah
100% Rutherford

PRODUCTION

658 cases

RELEASE DATE

September 2011

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 11 and 24
23.6° brix at harvest
13.3% alcohol
5.9 gr/L total acidity
3.70 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, Tchelisteff, 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 fifth vintage of this extraordinary varietal saw a long growing season of nearly perfect weather combine with a small crop to produce this remarkably complex wine. Inky dark in the glass with hints of lavender and boysenberries, the 2009 Petite Sirah manages to show beautiful depth across the flavors without ever seeming heavy or pondering. Think of this wine as fall approaches and your thoughts turn to hearty stews and roasted meats.