



FROG'S LEAP

2011 PETITE SIRAH *Galleron Vineyard — Rutherford*

THE BLEND

100% Petite Sirah
100% Rutherford

RELEASE DATE

June 2013

STATISTICS

harvested —
September 24 - October 3
23.6° brix at harvest
13.7% alcohol
5.4 g/L total acidity
3.78 pH
aged 11 months
in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams
Paula Moschetti

VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

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

Having finished picking this wine on October 3rd, the chilling rains of October 4th—which so vexed and complicated the 2011 harvest—passed unnoticed by our Petite Sirah which observed the stir from its safe harbor of fermentor No. 7 in the Red Barn. All the good and none of the troubling qualities of 2011 are therefore reflected in this superlative wine. Balanced, restrained, and deeply aromatic...it's just full of Rutherford terroir.

The deep color—so natural to Petite Sirah—announces the exuberant plum, blueberry aromas and the plush luxurious flavors. Perhaps it is a cliché to suggest Osso Buco, but I can't get my mind off of it!