



FROG'S LEAP

2015 PETITE SIRAH *Galleron Vineyard — Rutherford*

THE BLEND

100% Petite sirah

RELEASE DATE

September 2017

STATISTICS

harvested —

August 25 - 28

25.7° brix at harvest

13.8% alcohol

5.6 g/L total acidity

3.71 pH

aged 12 months

in French oak

WINEMAKERS

John Williams

Paula Moschetti

Rory Williams

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 plot 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 patch of Petite sirah, we feel we have found a match made in heaven.

ABOUT THE WINE

Our 2015 Petite Sirah is a lip-smacking beauty. Plain and simple. And as I think of descriptors—a myriad of black fruits, smokey meats, olive tapenade, and wild herbs—I’m reminded of an actual Syrah from the Northern Rhône not a Petite Sirah which is known as Durif in Provence. Yet its flavors have more verve, great acidity and a ripe tannin profile. It truly is fun to drink now—but at the end of every bottle I think—man—that would have been great with a roasted leg of lamb in about fifteen years.