

## PETITE SIRAH

VINTED. 2008



# DANCING COYOTE

### TASTE:

This wine is in no way petite – it's big, inky and luscious. With baked blackberry and spicy smoked hickory, there is no shortage of flavor. It has the perfect mouth feel of chewy tannins, yet finishes surprisingly smooth for a Petite Sirah.

### FOOD PAIRINGS:

Great with prime rib, grilled steaks, barbequed ribs, or even burgers. Seek out its wild side by pairing it with game, such as deer, elk or buffalo. Enjoy it at the end of the meal with rich, dark chocolate or a luscious berry dessert.

### VITICULTURE NOTES:

The Clarksburg appellation is known for producing top quality Petite Sirah, mainly due to its ideal climate for this varietal. As the Sacramento Valley heats up during the day, it pulls in the maritime breezes from the bay, which allows warm summer days and cool evenings. Grown in nutrient rich, sandy clay soils, the vines are trained into a bilateral configuration on a California "T" trellis. Spur pruned, the vines are shoot, cluster and leaf thinned for a balanced vine and optimum flavor development.

### WINEMAKING NOTES:

Grapes were handpicked in the morning, then de-stemmed and crushed in a temperature controlled tank. The skins, juice and seeds were cold soaked for 48 hours before they were inoculated with yeast. The wine was pumped-over several times a day and fermented at 85°F for 10 days. After pressing, the wine was transferred to oak barrels for 12 months of aging.

#### APPELLATION:

Clarksburg

#### ALCOHOL:

14.8% by Vol.

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR:

0.01 g/100 mL (%)

#### PH:

3.80

#### TOTAL ACIDITY:

6.3 g/L as Tartaric Acid

#### HARVESTED:

September 2008

#### BRUX AT HARVEST:

25.5° Brix Average

#### BOTTLED:

January 23, 2010

#### PRODUCTION:

1,240 cases

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