

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

BEVILL-WOLCOTT VINEYARD • DRY CREEK VALLEY
2008 PETITE SIRAH



THE WINERY

The Francis Ford Coppola Winery was established in 2006 to celebrate wine, food and adventure. Our winery is a place where guests can enjoy new wine experiences, have fun with friends and family, be entertained and savor life's simple pleasures.

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In keeping with the Coppola promise to make every visit to the winery memorable and unique, we've created the Francis Coppola Reserve label—limited production wines that showcase distinctive vineyards from Sonoma's renowned appellations, and special winemaking techniques in the case of our rare dessert wines. Each vintage, head winemaker, Corey Beck, determines which varietals and vineyards outperformed the rest. Exceptional lots of fruit are hand-selected for crafting small-batches of these Reserve wines, which include a unique late harvest Semillon and Port. Because these wines are produced in such limited quantities, they are reserved exclusively for winery guests, wine club members and those who shop with us online.

THE LABEL

The artwork of film production designer Dean Tavoularis graces the labels of our FC Reserve wines. Tavoularis met Francis Coppola during the making of *The Godfather* and the two artists have continued to collaborate over the years on a variety of creative projects, including more than a dozen films, the courtyard and fountain of Rubicon Estate in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

MOUNTS VINEYARD

Our Petite Sirah is grown in the Bevill-Wolcott Vineyard, which is situated on the bench of the eastern foothills of Dry Creek Valley. This vineyard, which was replanted in 2004 with Petite Sirah heritage clone 03R, has good sun exposure and well-draining gravelly loam soils that are very deep. The owner of this vineyard has a long history of farming sustainably and a crew of "lifers" who know this vineyard's intricacies and nuances like the back of their hands, which allows them to grow grapes with excellent finesse and extraction.

THE WINE

Petite Sirah is a powerhouse red grape that makes dark, inky wines that are peppery, have firm tannins and rich, juicy flavors of baked blackberry pie, sugared plums, black cherries, and notes of dark chocolate and seasoned wood. In fact, the deep color of this varietal and the way it stains our tongues when we taste mature grapes is, in part, how we gauge when to harvest the fruit. 2008 was a challenging year for winemakers because early spring frosts damaged many vines. But, having a smaller crop meant that the grapes developed far more complexity because they weren't competing for nutrients like they are when there are larger yields. Plus, due to the inherent soil complexity where our Petite Sirah is grown, this year's wine turned out to be absolutely luscious and full of character.

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley. Sonoma County
Blend	100% Petite Sirah
Alcohol	13.5%
Aged	22 months in 50% new French oak barrels, 50% 1-2 year old barrels oak barrels
SRP	\$32

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