

HISTORY

When Francis Ford Coppola's grandfather, Agostino, was a child growing up in the small town of Bernalda in Southern Italy, he often played among ancient Greek ruins in nearby Metaponto, where thousands of years earlier stood a school run by the legendary Greek scholar Pythagoras — Pitagora, in Italian. Known today for his mathematical theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$), Pythagoras was more than a mathematician; he was a philosopher who sought new ways of understanding the world through mathematics, astronomy, and music theory. Growing up in the footprint of this legend, Agostino developed a talent for mathematics and music, and his Pythagorean curiosity about the nature of how things work went on to influence each generation of Coppolas.

VINTAGE

We thought we'd hit the jackpot with the 2012 vintage only to have another incredible season in 2013. Having great weather two years in a row optimizes the vines and is what makes the 2013 vintage even more spectacular than its predecessor. The grapes developed wonderful concentration and were intensely fragrant and well balanced.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our fruit hails from three sub-appellations of Sonoma: Alexander Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Dry Creek Valley. Each varietal adds its own unique characteristics. Petite Sirah is the backbone of this blend, lending density and a peppery nuance, with the remainder comprised of outstanding selections of Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot. Selected lots were aged in a combination of French and American oak for 15 months, with the blended wine aged for 6 months.

TASTING NOTES

Extremely dark and dense, you'll experience a dramatic fragrance of plums, cinnamon, violets, and impressions of baked boysenberry pie. With this vintage the earthiness is toned down and instead the wine favors black fruits and spices. Cherries, cassis, and black raspberries are enhanced by notes of star anise and seasoned wood. Generous tannins framing the velvety fruit character give this wine a robust presence while spice notes, a touch of pepper, and the lengthy finish add to its allure.



WINEMAKING ANALYSIS

Appellation: Sonoma County

Blend: Petite Sirah, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon,

Petit Verdot

Barrel Regimen: 15 months French and American oak

Alcohol: 13.9%