

# FRANCIS COPPOLA

DIAMOND COLLECTION

*"We truly aspire to the highest quality in all we do, and nothing is more important to these goals than what we do in the wine industry. Our winemaker, Corey Beck, is the magician presiding over the great Francis Ford Coppola wines in Sonoma County."*

—Francis Ford Coppola

## FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION 2012 DIAMOND PETITE SIRAH

The Francis Coppola Diamond Collection began in 1997 as an ambitious endeavor to make wines of character and complexity at an affordable price. Sourced from California vineyards that not only have proven track records but are also managed according to our rigorous standards, Diamond Collection wines are classic California expressions that offer fruit-forward, multi-dimensional flavor and immediate drinkability. Our illustrious lineup includes eleven single-varietal wines, plus our flagship proprietary blends. These wines are a true labor of love—we invite you to share them with us.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

When it comes to red varietals, Petite Sirah is one of the most intense in terms of color and tannin, which is why it's frequently used as a blending grape to add pigment or phenols. The varietal produces small berries in tight clusters, which contributes to its concentration. To avoid extracting too much tannin from our fruit, we press the grapes very gently in order to achieve a more delicate style of wine that doesn't need to age. Our fruit is grown in a variety of warm appellations, including Lodi, Paso Robles, and Dry Creek Valley. 2012 was an excellent vintage across California because of steady, mild temperatures that persisted throughout summer. These ideal weather conditions resulted in fruit with intense aromatic properties, wonderful balance and rich, complex flavors.

### TASTING PROFILE

*Appearance* Deep purple  
*Aromas* Blackberries, cherries, anise and tobacco leaves  
*Flavors* Plums, dark chocolate and gingerbread



Corey Beck, Winemaker



<i>Appellation</i>	California
<i>Blend</i>	79% Petite Sirah, 11% Syrah, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.9%
<i>Total Acid</i>	.50g/100ml
<i>pH</i>	3.62
<i>Barrel Regimen</i>	12 months French oak
<i>Released</i>	June 2014