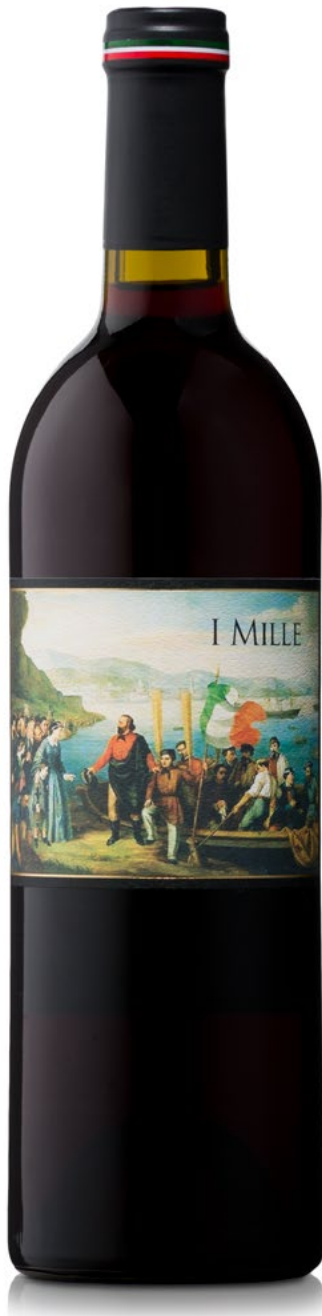




Honoring the expedition of one thousand men who turned a collection of small Italian provinces into a single nation.



2015 I MILLE

ABOUT

In 1860, Giuseppe Garibaldi led one thousand men, including Francis' Great Grandfather Francesco Pennino, on a dangerous sea expedition to the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies where they undertook a daring military campaign for Italian unification. Made in honor of those brave men that altered the history of a nation, we created our limited production I Mille.

ROCKPILE

Located northwest of Dry Creek Valley, the Rockpile AVA differs from its neighboring appellation in several ways. Not only does it sit at a higher elevation, its steep vineyards are very shallow. The loam and red clay soils have a gravel top and few nutrients. This results in vine stress that contributes to low yields and small berries with intense concentration. The area also experiences a persistent wind that blows across the vineyards every afternoon which further concentrates the fruit by drying out the soil. Though the conditions are harsh, they are exactly what Petite Sirah needs to produce extracted and highly fragrant fruit.

VINTAGE

2015 was an outstanding vintage that produced extremely high-quality grapes. Warm, dry conditions throughout spring and summer helped reduce yields. From this climate, we harvested smaller than normal berries that offered intense concentration, but were also balanced by a vibrant natural acidity for structure.

WINE NOTES

Full-bodied, dark, and dense, I Mille Petite Sirah is a big, powerful wine that boasts black fruits and aromatic traces of minerals and graphite followed by rich, velvety flavors of cassis, blackberries, star anise, and nuances of Herbs de Provence, which are dominated by lavender floral notes. This vintage has tremendous complexity where the flavors keep evolving as the wine opens up.

Appellation Rockpile,
Sonoma County, California

Blend 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol 14.7%

Total Acid .57g/100ml

pH 3.69

Barrel Regimen 23 months in French oak;
80% new oak

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