

FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

FRUIT OF THREE VINEYARDS • DRY CREEK VALLEY

2013 PETITE SIRAH



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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. Our head winemaker, Corey Beck, hand-selects exceptional lots of fruit from these prestigious vineyards for crafting small-batch wines including a unique late harvest Semillon and Petite Sirah "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 Inglenook in Napa Valley and the interiors and exteriors of the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Sonoma.

THE VARIETAL

Petite Sirah is a powerhouse red grape that makes dark, inky wines with firm tannins, pepper and spice notes, and dark rich fruit flavors that have nuances of chocolate and mocha. The fruit that goes into our Reserve bottling comes from two excellent vineyards in Dry Creek Valley, an appellation that has very warm days in contrast to cool evening temperatures. This climatic condition allows the fruit to ripen slowly, which creates complex varietal character.

THE WINE

2013 was a stellar vintage. Moderate temperatures throughout the season allowed the fruit to hang on the vines a little longer than normal and since the grapes were smaller than typical, the fruit developed great concentration and profuse aromatics. Beautifully structured with ripe tannins and rich, extracted flavors, the 2013 Reserve Petite Sirah boasts a gorgeous fragrance of kirsch, blackberries, anise and seasoned wood along with flavors of cassis, dark chocolate, black cherries, and a hint of violet. Full-bodied and richly concentrated, its nuances build and linger.

Corey Beck, Winemaker

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Blend	100% Petite Sirah
Alcohol	14.3%
Aged	17 months; 20% new French oak.

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