



Machete

2014 CALIFORNIA, RED WINE

Petite Sirah is a revered grape varietal at Orin Swift. Since 2000, it has been made and utilized primarily as a blending component due to scarcity. Unlike its celebrated relative syrah, petite sirah can be a challenge to source. Yet, it has always been an objective to showcase the varietal in a dynamic blend and a pursuit was launched to find some prized petite vineyards. The realization of this goal came in 2009 with the first release of Machete. Spurred by a favorable reaction, we continued our hunt to include additional blocks in an effort to make the wine even better. Prominent regions throughout Northern California comprise this matrix, which provides for added layers of depth and structure. In 2014 we were afforded ideal growing conditions which allowed for an exceptional harvest. The results of which is a wine with attitude to complement the twelve individual labels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A nearly opaque color sets in the glass with a hard, red complexion that is almost black. Aromas of ripe blueberries and candied plum mingle with toasted oak and charred vanilla. The entry is soft and inviting which paves the way for a lush mid-palate replete with layers of ripe boysenberry and cassis. The finish showcases ripe tannins and pronounced fruit which frames the two for nearly a minute.

BLEND

Petite Sirah, Syrah, and Grenache

MATURATION

Aged for 10 months in French Oak, 40% new

Alc/Vol 15.7%

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