

DEL CARLO

DRY CREEK VALLEY • SONOMA COUNTY

2012 PETITE SIRAH

Teldeschi Vineyards — Home Ranch — Dry Creek Valley

Appellation	Dry Creek Valley
Vineyard	Teldeschi Vineyards - Home Ranch
Harvest Date	October 12, 2012
Brix	26.6°
T.A.	0.59 gm/100ml
pH	3.79
Cooperage	Nine months in American (Pennsylvanian) oak barrels, 20% new oak - medium toast
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	July 13, 2013
Production	100 cases
Release Date	April 2016



Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

When my parents purchased the ranch in 1947, there was some old clone Petite Sirah that had been planted in the late 1800s on the upper bench, toward the end of our property line. With graftings from these original Petite vines, we planted our current Petite Sirah vineyard in the mid-90s on the same site.

We've always produced a small amount of estate Petite Sirah to blend with our Old Vine Zinfandel. We love the depth of flavors, robustness and structure in our Petite, as do the other wineries that buy grapes from us. In 2012, we decided it was time to produce enough Petite Sirah to bottle as a single varietal and make available for others to enjoy too. We are so pleased with the results that you'll be seeing a Del Carlo Petite Sirah in our wine lineup in the coming years as well.

Tasting Notes

Intense aromatics allude to the wine's depth, offering layers of dark fruit, spices and minerality. The voluptuous mouthfeel reveals perfectly ripened blackberry and dark cherry mingling with a creamy chocolate and mineral essence that appears near the finish. Fresh and lively, this well balanced Petite's richness and juicy fruit qualities reflect the ideal 2012 growing season.

Try pairing it with grilled tri-tip served with oven-roasted potatoes, a venison roast served with a traditional Cumberland sauce, or a leg of lamb stuffed with rosemary and garlic.