

LAVA CAP

2017 Petite Sirah, El Dorado AVA



HARVEST DATES: November 2017
VINEYARD: Granite Hill, Leahy Vineyards
BLEND: 100% Petite Sirah
AGING: 26 Months in French Oak
ALCOHOL: 15.4%
CASES PRODUCED: 660

VINEYARD NOTES: The famed Granite Hill Vineyard has always produced grapes of intense character due to its weathered and rocky soil. Perched on a high elevation knoll overlooking the South Fork of the American River, this vineyard receives intense sun and low moisture. Here the grape vines struggle resulting in balanced and mellow ripening, with small dense grape clusters. Another source of our Petite Sirah is the Leahy vineyard, planted in a rust colored soil consisting of slabs of slate. This vineyard consistently produces grapes with dark fruit flavors and well matured tannin structure.

TASTING NOTES: On the nose, the 2017 Petite Sirah has notes of elegant violet, cranberry, and mellow toasted oak. With a sip, the wine slams the palate with a stampede of blackberry, ripe blueberry, and white pepper flavors which perfectly transition to a long vanilla-cola finish. This wine receives extended barrel aging, where primarily French Oak is used to allow a more elegant integration of oak structure with the wine.