



## 2015 Petite Sirah, El Dorado AVA

**Harvest Date:** November 2015

**Vineyard:** Granite Hill, Leahy Vineyards

**Blend:** 100% Petite Sirah

**Aging:** 24 Months in French Oak

**Cases Produced:** 450

**Vineyard Notes:** The famed Granite Hill 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 received intense sun and low moisture. Here the grape vines struggle resulting in balanced and mellow ripening, resulting in intense small grape clusters. Another source of our Petite 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.

**Wine Making Notes:** Our Petite Sirah has smooth velvety tannins that roll across the palate, opening to flavors of blackberry and cola as it finishes. This wine receives extended barrel aging, primarily French Oak is used to allow a more elegant integration of oak flavors with the wine. On the nose, the 2015 Petite Sirah has notes of elegant wild licorice, blueberries, and complex oak. With a sip, the wine slams the palate with a stampede of plum and white pepper flavors which perfectly transition to blackberry and a long vanilla-cola finish.