



Labyrinth HAKA Petite Sirah 2008

There is a definite emotion when gazing into a glass of Petite Sirah. Unlike a rose or even a Pinot noir, there lies a mystery in the foreboding darkness of colour. Untapped power, unbridled fruit literally described as "black and blue." The HAKA Petite Sirah style is all about pushing the limits and expanding boundaries.

The Vineyard

French Camp Vineyard, Paso Robles, California

Vintage

Warm and hot. Sometimes you can push the limits too far in terms of ripeness. We leave the grapes to hang as long as possible but see no benefit in picking heavily dessicated grapes lacking in varietal character.

Harvest

Handpicked on September 26, 2008
Brix: 25.3 pH: 3.72 TA: 6.6
Alc. 14.5%

Fermentation

100% destemmed
2 day cold soak
Initial wild ferment
From harvest to press - 13 days

Cooperage

13 months in 35% new American oak plus seasoned French barrels; unfiltered, unfined