



2004
Napa Valley
Petite Sirah
Jonquil Vineyards



NORD ESTATE WINES

Overheard around the Nord dining room table..."Big and complex, yet still a real fruit bomb. We did good! This is what you dream Petite Sirah could be."

Harvest Report

Sustained warm weather in March and April resulted in one of the earliest budbreaks in memory. Summer weather was mild, never passing the 100° mark. Earliness marked each stage of the grapes' development, with harvest beginning in the Valley in early August. The absence of extreme heat and rain during the ripening season produced a vintage of outstanding quality.

Vineyard

The abundant warmth and sunshine in Napa's Pope Valley allow Jonquil Vineyards' fruit to develop to its full potential. A complex landscape of hills and creeks has allowed careful matching of variety, clone, and rootstock to the various soil types and depth. The native biodiversity has been enhanced by several wetland and creek restoration projects.

Vineyard Data

Location.....Pope Valley, Napa Valley
Elevation.....650'
Vineyard age.....planted 2001
Soil type.....Pleasanton loam
Clone.....3
Rootstock.....110R
Spacing.....7 x 6½
Trellis.....Vertical shoot positioning
Row orientation.....232° (SW-NE)

Tasting Notes

This muscular wine envelops your mouth with the flavors and scents of blackberry, black pepper, spiced plum, and forest floor. The wine appears almost blue-black in the glass, while its dense, concentrated tannins maintain a balance with the rich fruit flavors.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested at dawn and rushed to the winery. The must was fermented in open-topped tanks with frequent hand punch downs. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was pressed at dryness. A mix of new and old oak balance this powerful wine. Barrels were topped monthly and racked every 6 months.

Wine Data

Harvested.....9/23/2004
Harvest Brix.....26.5
Alcohol.....14.9%
Total Acidity.....0.62%
pH.....3.79
Barrels.....20% new French, 16 months
Bottling Date.....3/24/2006
Production.....194 cases
Composition.....95% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot

Nord Vineyards: Sustaining Napa Valley's legacy of world-class wine.

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