



# NORD ESTATE WINES

2008

Napa Valley

Petite Sirah

*Jonquil Vineyards*

“Like blackberry cobbler baked in a Dutch oven over a hickory campfire!”

## Harvest Report

A combination of spring frosts and early June rainfall during bloom resulted in fewer berries in the clusters. The light crop is good news for the wine lover, as fewer berries mean greater concentration of flavors. Gentle summer conditions ensured a disease-free crop. Mild and dry harvest conditions allowed perfectly balanced ripening of the red varieties.

## 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

Campfire aromas mingle with hints of dark fruit. The structure is strong, yet velvety, allowing this Petite Sirah to be enjoyed with food. Witness an evolution of flavors in the glass, from ripe blackberries to layers of earth and wood. It has a muscular structure and firm tannins, as a good Petite Sirah should.

## 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.....10/6/2008  
Harvest Brix.....25.7  
Alcohol.....14.6%  
Total Acidity.....0.65%  
pH.....3.79  
Barrels.....20% new French, 20 months  
Bottling Date.....8/9/2010  
Production.....171 cases  
Composition.....94% Petite Sirah, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petite Verdot

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

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