

2006

Lily Hill petite sirah**variety:** 90% petite sirah, 10% zinfandel**appellation:** Dry Creek Valley**harvest dates:** September 21st, 2006**degrees brix at harvest:** 25.4**pH:** 3.61**alcohol:** 14.2%

Vinification notes: Petite sirah fruit from our estate made the short trip down the hill to the winery where it was crushed and destemmed. The wine underwent a 13-day fermentation with pumpovers performed twice daily to ensure a full extraction before being pressed off at dryness. The wine was aged for 15 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels.

Sensory Notes: Lily Hill petite sirah is a lovely, textured wine that brings elegance to an often unruly varietal. The bouquet boasts dark plum and berry with distinctively smoky notes. On the palate, this petite sirah is full and round, coating the mouth as it delivers flavors of ripe summer blackberries and dark espresso. This inky-colored petite sirah culminates in a big earthy finish, with a solid tannic structure, promising to drink well from 2009 through 2015.

Vineyard Notes: This wine is sourced from our renowned Lily Hill Estate, located above our winery and caves on the western slope of the Dry Creek Valley. This steep hillside vineyard produces incredible wines that are distinctly "Dry Creek". We blend fruit from two blocks of prime petite sirah with a small portion of zinfandel grapes from our classic head-pruned vines planted in 1915.

Vintage Synopsis: 2006 brought cooler temperatures and a prolonged harvest that allowed the grapes to develop deep, rich flavor and color. A brief threat of rain in early October put growers on the alert, but with some moderate thinning and cluster sorting, an excellent vintage was achieved.

Strictly limited production. 600 cases produced.

Retail: \$38.00

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