

2013

LILY HILL

petite syrah

VARIETY: 83% petite sirah, 17% zinfandel**APPELLATION:** Dry Creek Valley**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 24.9**pH:** 3.69**ALCOHOL:** 14.7%**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2023

VINIFICATION NOTES: The petite sirah was picked twice, first on September 14th and again on October 1st. Harvesting this way provides a more complex flavor profile. It was hand-sorted, and then fermented in tank for 12 days with twice-daily pumpovers occurring during fermentation. The wine was aged in the wine caves in a combination of French and American oak, 20% new, for 17 months.

SENSORY NOTES: It begins with a floral bouquet of butterscotch, wild sage and blueberries giving way to dark complex fruit flavors of blackberries, black cherries, cocoa and apple wood bacon. The wine finishes with mouth coating tannins and a long finish which promises ageability.

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2013 Lily Hill petite sirah is from block 18: A small, two-acre block on the lower portion of Lily Hill, which lies on the northwestern slope of Dry Creek Valley. This block sees full morning sun, but is protected by the westerly mountains from the hot afternoon sun, allowing for a longer growing season.

VINEYARD DETAILS:**CLONE:** Unknown**SOIL TYPE:** Clay, heavy loam**ELEVATION:** 300 feet**VINE SPACING:** 6' x 8'**YIELD PER ACRE:** 2-3 tons**ROOTSTOCK:** 101-14**YEAR PLANTED:** 2002**TRELLISING STYLE:** Cordon**IRRIGATION:** Minimal drip**RETAIL PRICE:** \$38. Strictly limited production

Bella

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