

Bacigalupi



2012

**BACIGALUPI
PETITE SIRAH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

Cases Produced

175

Vineyard

Bacigalupi Vineyards

Aging

19 months in barrel
100% used French oak

Alcohol: 13.9%

Harvest TA: 5.9 g/L

Harvest pH: 3.55

Harvest Date

October 15th 2012

Brix at Harvest: 24.2

Varietal Composition

100% Petite Sirah

100% Malolactic
Fermentation

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WINEMAKER NOTES

2012 was as close to a perfect vintage as we have seen in the Russian River Valley. We started the year out with a warm, dry winter which was followed by a very wet spring. No one realized at the time what a large crop would set out of all of that! Summer was hot with cool evenings, allowing the grapes to ripen earlier than we had seen the past few years.

PRODUCTION NOTES

We harvested the grapes for our Petite Sirah in the early morning hours in mid-October. The grapes were hand sorted in the vineyard, then destemmed and 50% crushed and put into tank for a 3 day cold soak. The must was punched down by hand once per day during the cold soak, then twice per day during fermentation. The finished wine was drained off the skins, and the skins were gently pressed at very low pressures. The wine was racked twice in its lifetime.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a deep purple color with big, dark fruit flavors of blackberry, black cherry and hints of cola and spice on the nose. The palate is fruity and rich, with enormous silky tannins that seem to carry even more depth and fruit with them over the mid-palate. The finish has just a hint of acidity to balance it all out. Though this wine is big and bold, it will be tasting great upon its release date and will be the perfect wine to cellar for a long time too, if you prefer and can wait that long!