



2008 Fleur de California Petite Sirah

2008 Vintage Highlights

In 2008, late spring frosts had a severe impact on unprotected vines in low-laying vineyards. Yields in some vineyards were down as much as 60% from the average. As in previous lower yield vintages, the vines concentrated their efforts on a smaller crop yielding more intensity and structure. This could be the vintage of the decade and may well prove to be one of the all-time classic vintages in California.

Wine Description

Petite Sirah fans rejoice. The 2008 Fleur de California Petite Sirah is a dense wine that displays intense aromas of blueberries, peppercorn and nutmeg. Dark in color, once in the mouth, it explodes in flavors of blackberries, vanilla, spice and a hint of black pepper. This is a nice quaffing wine that finishes smooth yet bright and is best served with barbecued pork ribs, teriyaki beef dishes or any type of wild game. This is winemaker Ken Foster's fourth vintage of the Fleur Petite Sirah and his experience and knowledge of this varietal and vineyard sites as evident in the first sip.

Blend: 100% Petite Sirah grown in California's North Coast Appellation

Fruit at Harvest:

Picking Dates:	Sept. 30 -Oct. 18, 2008
Brix (average):	25.4°
T.A.:	6.73 g/L
pH:	3.57

Fermented at: 80°- 90° F

Oak Aging: 12 months in 60 gal.
French oak barrels

Finished Wine:

Alcohol:	13.8%
T.A.	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.56
Residual Sugar:	Dry

