



FLEUR *de* California

2007 Fleur de California North Coast Petite Sirah



2007 Vintage Highlights

The 2007 harvest in California's North Coast began early, stalled mid-way through due to cool weather, and finished in late October. A mild winter with below average rainfall, coupled with a dry spring, led to an early bud break. Harvest started earlier than normal, around August 22 and then with the arrival of cooler weather, the harvest stretched out through late October. The cool spell in the summer gave the fruit additional time to mature which helped to yield more structured and balanced wines.

Winemaker's Perspective

Petite fans rejoice. The 2007 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 barbequed pork ribs, teriyaki beef dishes or any type of wild game.

Wine Description

As the name suggests the 2007 Fleur de California North Coast Petite Sirah is our "flower" of the region, spirited and charming, vibrant and alive! The North Coast region is characterized by cool maritime air and morning fog. Many vineyards in this region can reach as high as 2,000 feet. This blend combines grapes from several vineyards in these hills, creating a wine which provides opulent fruit, with wonderful richness. 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. 20th - 28th, 2007
Brix (average): 25.7°
T.A.: 6.75 g/L
pH: 3.52

FERMENTED AT: 80° - 90° F

OAK AGING:

10 months in 60 gal. French oak barrels

FINISHED WINE:

Alcohol: 13.9%
T.A. 0.54 g/L
pH: 3.57
Residual Sugar: Dry



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