

Aged 18 months in brand new French oak

R & B Cellars 2009 Pizzicato Petite Sirah Napa Valley

Vineyards: Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley

Composition: 97% Petite Sirah 3% Zinfandel

Harvested: October 2009

Bottled: September 2011

Released: October 2011

Production: 580 Cases

Cooperage: 100% French Oak

10 coopers – Radoux, Jarnac, Boutes, St.Martin, Seguin Moreau, Treuil, Bel Air, Ermitage, Billon,

Vicard 100% new

Winemaker's Comments

This Petite Sirah is dark, powerfully flavored, and intense. An explosion of flavors with hints of blueberry, black currant, and dark plum tones matches beautifully with the French oak that adds notes of chocolate and exotic spice. As the name Pizzicato denotes, this wine has lots of "pluck" so you better be ready for some serious wine. In matching with food, big flavors only need apply!

Reviews

"Deep, darkest ruby red color. The nose is intensely fruity with waves of ripe, crushed blackberry, plum, raspberry, and black cherries with accents of brown baking spice, mineral, and cocoa. The palate fully concurs with the nose, delivering wave after wave of ripe berry fruits with flanking notes of spice, oak, and hints of earth. Ideally balanced while undeniably large and jammy. The finish trails off softly with notes of cocoa powder, allspice, and oak with soft, chewy tannins."

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Awards:

- *Winemakers Challenge International Wine Competition Gold Medal
- *FL State Fair Intl Wine Competition Gold Medal