



**R & B Cellars
Napa Valley
2008 Pizzicato
Petite Sirah**

Vineyards:	Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley
Composition:	100% Petite Sirah
Harvested:	October 2008
Bottled:	August 2010
Released:	Fall 2010
Production:	270 Cases
Cooperage:	100% French Oak 10 coopers – Radoux, Jarnac, Boutes, St.Martin, Seguin Moreau, Treuil, Bel Air, Ermitage, Billon, Vicard 100% new

Vineyards

Bingham Ranch is one of the oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. It has been in the same family since the mid 1800's, homesteading times, and was planted with vineyards in the 1950's. The Petite Sirah was planted in the 1980's, and is on the northern edge of the ranch. It is a small berry clone that benefits from extended hang time for optimal ripeness.

The Wine

Harvested in late October, the Petite Sirah from Bingham ranch was perfect. Fruit was hand sorted, and then crushed and de-stemmed into half ton macro bins. A five-day cold soak was done before fermentation. Hand punched down three times a day during fermentation and then gently pressed off and put into 100% brand new French oak barrels for eighteen months. The wine was racked four times while aging in barrels, and then lightly filtered for bottling.

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!