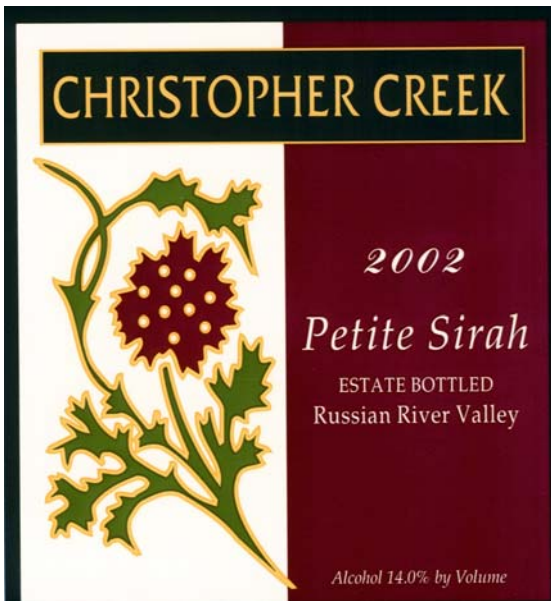




Christopher Creek Winery

2002 Russian River Estate Bottled Petite Sirah



Our Estate Grown Petite Sirah grapes received, as always, very special care during the 2002 growing season. We are fortunate to have several blocks of Petite Sirah each with varying ages, elevation and sun exposure. We hand-thinned the crop and did extensive deleafing to expose the fruit, maximizing pigment in the berry's skin. All this work paid off and allowed us to get concentrated and healthy fruit. The favorable growing season coupled with the sun exposed fruit helped develop rich tannins and let the complex flavors of cassis, blackberry, coffee and spice fully develop. As with past vintages, the wine should age well over the next 7-10 years. So that the tannins will soften and the fruit shine, we recommend holding this wine until mid 2005 before drinking. Should you want to drink the wine earlier, we suggest decanting 1/2 hour before serving.

Petite can be enjoyed with many foods and can make a meal more memorable. Our suggestions for pairing are: Ahi Tuna, Game Birds (especially Duck, Goose, and Quail), Turkey, Venison, Lamb, Pork, and Beef. If you are preparing gravy, try adding a tablespoon of wine to each cup of gravy to integrate the food with the wine(be sure to warm the gravy to cook off the alcohol).

BEST OF CLASS-Jerry Mead's New World International Wine Competition, March 2004
Silver Medal-Grand Harvest Awards, February, 2004
Silver Medal- Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, April 2004

2001 Vintage

Gold Medal-Grand Harvest Awards, Sonoma, February 2003
Gold Medal-Tasters Guild Int'l Wine Competition, May 2003
Silver Medal-The SF Chronicle No. CA. Wine Competition, February 2003
Silver Medal-Jerry Mead's New World Wine Competition, March 2003

2000 Vintage

Silver Medal-Tasters Guild int'l Wine Competition, May 2003
Silver Medal-New World International Wine Competition, June 2002
Silver Medal-Long Beach Grand Cru, July 2002

1999 Vintage

Gold Medal & Best of Class-The SF Chronicle No. CA. Wine Competition, February 2001
Gold Medal & Chairman's Award- Riverside International Wine Competition, May 2001

Harvested September 2002— 2 tons/acre
Aged in French Oak Barrels
Released Spring 2004
582 Cases Produced

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