

Cima Collina

2004

PETITE SIRAH

NEWELL VINEYARD

Monterey County

The Newell Vineyard is located in what is termed the San Antonio Valley in southern Monterey County. We expect this region where Bordeaux varietals and other late ripeners do so well will one day be granted American Viticultural Area status. In the mean time, it is home to a vineyard that produces outstanding Petite Sirah grapes.

Yes, it is very warm in the San Antonio Valley. But what's amazing is the drastic change in temperature from day to night. Full 50 degree differences between night and day are often recorded here in the summertime. This is critical to the ability of the grapes to retain their precious acids as well as to slowing down the ripening time line.

Like our small production Merlot from this vintage, we originally planned to add this Petite to our Hilltop Red. But, again, upon tasting this spicy, rich opulent drink we decided to make a couple barrels.

Spice, cedar, anise and cassis are at the center of this beautiful Petite Sirah. The spice component seems to swing between pepper and more eastern spice flavors and aromas. It's just hard to put your finger on. So, we choose instead to enjoy putting in on our palate. Once there you could not mistake this wine for anything other than Petite. It's dark purple color comes with the forward tannins you can't escape with this varietal. It is an endearingly iconoclastic wine of which we have only 48 cases.

Appellation:

SAN ANTONIO VALLEY
MONTEREY

Vineyards

NEWELL VINEYARD

Blend

100% PETITE SIRAH

Aging

14 MONTHS IN FRENCH
OAK BARRELS, 50% NEW

pH

3.57

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7.1

Alcohol

14.5%

Bottled

JANUARY 26, 2006

Production

48 CASES

Winemaker

ANNETTE HOFF

Suggested Retail Price

\$35

