



“It’s no wonder that truth  
is stranger than fiction,  
fiction has to make sense.”  
– Mark Twain

## Notes

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## 2014 PETITE SYRAH

### PHILOSOPHY

Onesta Wines capture the truth and honesty of each vintage, uniting the vines, the land, Mother Nature, and maturation. Jillian, Winemaker/Owner, promises to deliver wines with personality and depth every year. She believes life should be filled with family, good friends and adventure. Life is short, live by truth and honesty and you will always find peace and happiness. Enjoy wine on a regular basis!

### VINEYARD NOTES

The Esperanza vineyard is a very small vineyard in Calistoga (north Napa) at the base of the Palisades. It was rescued by an American lawyer and Barrister in London, R. DeKoven, who owns the site and has restored the health of the vines through organic farming techniques. Cool air from the mountains protect and temper the vines on warm days, creating concentration and deep color. An exceptional site for Petite Syrah.

### VINIFICATION

100% Petite Syrah fruit hand picked in the cool morning hours, and processed with gentle handling to ensure preservation of fruit flavors. We destem and ferment in half ton open top tanks, with gentle extraction over a 3 week period from cold soak to extended maceration. The two barrel lot was aged in 50% new American oak, a very special barrel hand crafted in Australia to highlight the spice of the wine. After 18 months of barrel aging and 7 months bottle aging, the wine was finally released for sale in 2017.

### TASTING NOTES

The Petite Syrah is filled with blueberry, blackberry, juicy plum, and hints of tobacco and mocha. The deep purple hue is so dense, almost no light passes through. The extraordinary flavors from the fruit and the oak barrel spice dance together, bringing back memories of mom’s blackberry cobbler baking in the oven. The texture on the palate is similar to running your hand across a plush velvet blanket, arousing pure pleasure.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Rosemary & garlic grilled lamb, braised short ribs, chili con carne, polenta & spicy Italian sausage, chocolate cake.

Only 50 cases produced.