

Petite Sirah

Press Highlights

2021

- 92 WINE ENTHUSIAST, April 7,2025
- 94 Pts., Publisher's Picks TASTING PANEL, May 2024 Issue

"As it paints the teeth with dry, dusty notes of violets and cocoa, the tannins remain silky. Blackberry and underbrush create a grainy texture which coats the tongue. A marvelous interpretation of the elegance this variety can exhibit."

• 93 Pts., - TASTING PANEL, September 2024

"Soft and comforting, this feels warm, its alcohol integrated into potent, mouthwatering fruit. The juicy burst of plum freshness, along with the vegetal savor of the tannins reminded Tasting Director Corey Warren of newer styles of Madiran's tannat—'violet perfumed and plummy.' Robert Pepi makes this wine in a Lake County collaboration with the Kreps family of Quintessential Wines."

2020

• 92 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, April 2023

"This deep, inky, purple-hued wine imparts decadent aromas of blackberry, blueberry, boysenberry and marionberry complemented by toasted wood, chocolate and a subtle scent of smoky-umami. Full-on tannins greet the palate, but they are mature and feel purposeful and are—most importantly—well matched with the voluptuous, ripe nature of the fruits and balanced by acidity. Deep and complex now, this wine will become even more interesting with age."

• 91 – JAMES SUCKLING, January 3, 2022

"A rich and flavorful 100% petite sirah with purple-fruit, sweet-tobacco and coffee-bean aromas and flavors. It's full and chewy with lots of fruit and tannins. Some bitter coffee at the end. Drink or hold. Screw cap."

2019

• 90 Pts. – JAMES SUCKLING, December 14, 2021

"Plenty of dried flowers to the blackberry and bark aromas and flavors. It's full and very powerful. Chewy tannins and a dry yet fruity finish. If you like tannins, go for this. Typical Petite Sirah. Drink now. Screw cap."

2018

• 93 Pts., Top 100 Value Wines of 2021 (\$35 or Less) – JAMES SUCKLING, January 20, 2022

"Blackberry, black-ink and black-cherry aromas flow through to a full body with polished, juicy tannins and wonderful depth of dark fruit and bark. Some black mushrooms, too. Serious effort here. 100% Petite Sirah. Drink or hold. Screw cap."