

*Chiarito*

2006

**PETITE SIRAH**

**ESTATE BOTTLED**

**MENDOCINO**

**CHIARITO VINEYARD**

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Chiarito Vineyard is a small-production artisan winery nestled in the benchlands of the eastern Ukiah Valley in Mendocino County. The Petite Sirah fruit is estate-grown on head-trained and dry-farmed vines yielding 2-3 tons per acre. The grapes were harvested in the early morning of October 1, 2006 and bottled on March 1, 2008 after spending 17 months in French oak. Production is 25 cases.

Deep purple in color, the aromas include raspberry, currants, black pepper and a bit of clove. Huge tannins now, but the berries and spice shine through with medium char adding complexity. This wine will age well to 10 years.

**VINIFICATION AND AGING**

Method of extraction: Cold-soaked for 4 days; 3 punchdowns daily

Length of maceration: Fermented in small batches for 6 days

Aging container: French oak barrels for 17 months

Filtered: Unfiltered

Fining: Unfined

**ANALYTICAL DATA**

Alcohol content: 15.1%

TA: .64g/100ml

p.H.: 3.72