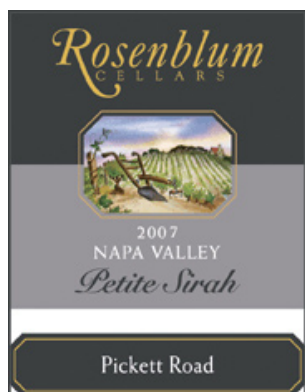


PETITE SIRAH DESERVES MORE RESPECT AND ATTENTION

I love Petite Sirah. When made right it can be extraordinary and it is hardly Petite. It is big and bold and in your face. However, the best ones have a great mouthfeel and show some elegance as well. It has been one of my favorite grapes for a long time. This post will highlight some of the best Petite Sirahs that we have covered over the last several months.



to be full-bodied, balanced, and very smooth. Especially on day two. It displays ripe blackberry flavors with notes of black raspberry, black pepper, and black licorice. Like the other winning Petite Sirahs we noted that it showed more finesse than most. I thought it would be a perfect match for Beef Bourguignon.



The 2007 Rosenblum Cellars "Pickett Road" Petite Sirah for \$35 is a very big boy. It will even appeal to Port lovers, but it is not quite that big or heavy. It opens with a huge black raspberry and raisin-like bouquet. On the palate, this wine is full-bodied and dense. It displays concentrated

blackberry flavors with notes of anise, prune, and walnuts. This beauty would be perfect for warming you on a cold winter night here in the Northeast.



Clayhouse has been making terrific Paso Robles based Petite Sirahs for many years. This year we covered the **2006 "Estate"** which costs \$25. We found this offering

The Rosenblum 2007 "Rockpile Road Vineyard" Petite Sirah is very different than the Pickett Road. This wine is more similar to the Clayhouse and Heretic in style. It is full-bodied and balanced plum and black currant flavors. A panelist also detected hints of black pepper and oak mixed in. It is a good option with food, especially pot roast.

Other Very Good Petite Sirahs To Consider:

- EOS 2006 Petite Sirah "Private Reserve" (Paso Robles, CA) \$25 (89)
- Earthquake 2006 Petite Sirah (Lodi, CA) \$28 (89)
- Fortress 2007 Petite Sirah "Red Hills" (Lake County, CA) \$35 (88)

We hope you enjoyed this post on Petite Sirah and we hope you get a chance to try some of these very tasty wines. For a complete list of all the Petite Sirahs we recommend, check out our Petite Sirah page on KensWineGuide.com. If after sampling some of these gems, you turn into a fan of this great grape, you might even want to check out this group and webpage dedicated to fans of the Petite Sirah grape. It is called PS I Love You. It is a website chalk full of tidbits and information on Petite Sirah.

Enjoy and Cheers!
Ken

