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Wine Report from the Fort

PETITE SIRAH VS. ZINFANDEL VS. PINOT NOIR: Which won the three-varietal shootout?

By Fred McMillin

In October, our Fort Mason class found Petite Sirah outscored Syrah. So we decided to match another six bottles of Petite Sirah with their Zinfandel and Pinot Noir counterparts. Each match had wines of the same vintage and price range. Here are the top two winners in each price range.

\$10 maximum

Pinot Noir: Kendall Jackson Vineyards California 2003, \$9
Pinot Noir: Fat Cat Cellars California 2006, \$10

\$15 maximum

Petite Sirah: Concannon Vineyards Central Coast 2004, \$14
Petite Sirah: Vina Robles Paso Robles Jardine 2006, \$15

\$20 maximum

Petite Sirah: Steele Lake County Writer's Block 2005, \$16
Pinot Noir: Hahn Estates Monterey County 2005, \$20

\$30 maximum

Petite Sirah: Bianchi Winery Paso Robles Signature Select 2004, \$24
Zinfandel: Dry Creek Vineyards Dry Creek Valley Old Vine 2006, \$28

Over \$30

Zinfandel: Dry Creek Vineyards Dry Creek Valley, 2005, \$34
Petite Sirah: Concannon Vineyards Livermore Valley Heritage 2001, \$50

Decision! Zinfandel scored twice, Pinot Noir three times and Petite Sirah five. Buy it and try it.

