

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences

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Tasting Notes

The wines below
were tasted double-blind
within the last two weeks.

PS I Love You member Petites listed as “Exceptional”

2003 **Trentadue** Petite Sirah, Alexander Valley, “La Storia” (\$28):

Violet, chocolate and high-tone red cherry fruit. A soft entry and mid-palate. Drink within the next two years and barbecued meats.

2003 **Mettler** Petite Sirah, Lodi (\$25):

Violet fruit and a note of oak give this wine a fascinating aroma, and the handling of the tannins was done with care. A deeply rewarding wine for the price.

2003 **David Bruce** Petite Sirah, Central Coast (\$20):

Charming and a bit odd with a distinctive leafy note, but generous black fruit flavor and a nice juicy finish.

2003 **Marr** Petite Sirah, Tehama Foothills (\$27):

New French oak gives a note of roasted nuts, but complex black fruit in the core of the wine is appealing. Should age a number of years.

2002 **Silkwood** Petite Sirah, Stanislaus County (\$36):

Big, chewy wine with a firm black fruit center and little oak to confuse the issue. A bit simple, but aeration helped it show depth. Quite a statement from California's hot Central Valley!