

What kind of wine lover are you?

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PETITE SIRAH: Petite sirah fans of long standing know the names **Concannon** and **Foppiano**.

These two California wineries have been producing superior renditions since the days when the other syrah (with the “y”) was relatively unknown to California wine drinkers.

Consequently, at a recent petite sirah symposium, Louis J. Foppiano and Jim Concannon were honored with Lifetime Achievement awards.

Incidentally, there are currently more than 150 producers of petite sirah, the grape generally acknowledged as the durif varietal named after Dr. Francois Durif, a French botanist who developed it in the mid-to late 19th century from the peloursin and syrah grapes.

Cool-climate petite sirah grapes tend to produce a spicier, more peppery wine, while wine from warm-climate petite sirah grapes is definitely fruitier.

I’ve liked petite sirah ever since I enjoyed a bottle of it by Concannon with dinner at a restaurant on the Lake Tahoe shore one evening in the early ‘70s.

Oh yeah, and one group of petite sirah growers and producers call themselves PS I Love You.

Visit them on www.psiloveyou.org.

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Woodland Hills Daily, June 9, 2004

Contra Costa Times, July 14, 2004

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