2005 EOS ESTATE CUPA GRANDIS PETITE SIRAH

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Winemaker Comments

We have always loved making Petite Sirah here. It is a varietal that takes time and patience to allow Petite Sirah fruit to shine through all the big massive tannins and the Cupa Grandis Petite Sirah it is no different. Every year we take the best fruit and match it with the best barrels. Two blocks of Petite Sirah from the Brother's Ranch vineyard were used for this 2005 vintage. This is the fourth harvest for these blocks and second time they have been used our Cupa Grandis level wines. Taken as cuttings from a 45 year-old vineyard then grafted onto rootstock, this vintage was exciting for the development of the vines during the year and the aging of the wine, always showing a sense of balance. This can be seen in the bottle with blackberry pie exploding with the oak and structural features of the wine (tannin) lifting up from underneath rather than masking.

Wine Notes

NOSE: Blackberry jam, Molasses, rounded smoky oak, violets and rose petals provide for a rich full-bodied nose.

MOUTH: Textures of rich tannin explode on the palate with the weight of dark berry fruit gripping the palate.

FINISH: A medium length finish of toasted oak, coffee, and chocolate.

Food Pairing Recommendations

Petite Sirah in general is great with anything that walks crawls, slithers, or flies. In other words wild game. Some favorites not previously mentioned are...holiday dinners with all the fixings. So many flavors at one time...it is nice to have a wine that stands up to it.

Technical Notes

VARIETAL:	100% Petite Sirah
HARVEST DATE:	11/01/05
HARVEST BRIX:	24.3°
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	0.01%
TOTAL ACIDITY:	.68g/100ml
PH:	3.62
FINISHED ALCOHOL:	14.0%
BARREL REGIME:	Aged for approximately 31 months in 100% new Mercier Cooperage French oak barrels
VINEYARD LOCATION:	100% Brothers Ranch

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