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## **2019 PALISADES VINEYARD**

### **Petite Sirah, Calistoga, Napa Valley**

Domenico Barberis sure knew great potential when he saw it. The young immigrant was from the same village in Italy, Murialdo, as Bob Biale's grandmother—Nonna Cristina Biale. Barberis came to Calistoga in 1902 and soon thereafter was able to start a vineyard and ranch as well as his large family on a scenic property on Horns Creek.

This eastern side of Calistoga features the spectacular geological formation named the Palisades. These dramatic west-facing cliffs are composed of igneous rock and were formed from volcanic upheaval millennia ago. The geological formation stretches for over two miles and reaches elevations at over 3000 ft. It's no wonder the farmland below is perfectly suited to wine grapes. An active creek bed, stones, gravel, and well-drained soil, not to mention extended sunlight, are ideal conditions for ripening grapes for red wines.

The Palisades Vineyard owners are Felicia and Steve Woytak who take great pride as stewards of this historic landmark. The results in a wine glass are as dramatic as the setting.

**Vintage Notes:** The beginning of the 2019 growing season was defined by copious rainfall and late soil moisture. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season, not without its moments of unpredictability, helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. Crop yields were about average to a little less than average. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

**Harvest Dates:** 9-29-19

**Winemaking:** The fruit was hand-sorted first in the field then again at the winery. Open-top fermentation and pumped over the skins two times per day. Pressed to 100% French Burgundian Oak of which 30% were new. Aged 18 months.

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** Deep saturated purple color with dusty notes of minerals, black berry cobbler, blueberry, violets, lychee, guava and currants. A full/broad tannin structure leads to a long and lingering finish. This masculine Petite Sirah is pleasurable now and built for the long haul – optimal drinking in 5-8 years.

176 cases produced.