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## **2020 ROYAL PUNISHERS**

### **NAPA VALLEY PETITE SIRAH**

Petite Sirah was the most commonly planted grape in Napa Valley for nearly a century and now we are witnessing a resurgence and new appreciation for this historic hero variety!

Known for its dark color, firm structure, and deep blue and black fruit flavors, it is perfectly suited to Napa Valley's moderate and dry growing season.

Petite Sirah was also a favorite grape among winemakers looking to pump up underpowered wines in need of deep fruit, color, and structure. Its natural versatility made it a great counterpart to all red varieties including Zinfandel, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Vintage Notes:** Grape Growers recall that conditions were ideal at the start of 2020, with mild temperatures that led to evenly developed clusters. The low winter rainfall resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Following an early budbreak and warm summer, harvest kicked off at the beginning of August. Although challenged by the two fires during the harvest season, ultimately, most wineries decided to make only their best wines at limited production. This is exactly what Biale did and we know that you will enjoy these wines that express the promise anticipated by the ideal conditions of the early growing season.

**Harvest Dates:** 9-15-20

**Winemaking:** The fruit was hand-sorted first in the field then again at the winery. Open-top fermentation with both pump overs and punch downs at up to three times per day at peak fermentation. Pressed to Burgundian oak – 30% new. Aged 17 months.

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes:** A deep, blackish blue color profile with aromas of currants, red plum, quince, violets, figs, molasses and blackberry. Medium bodied with a broad mid-palate structure that builds to complex layers of texture and flavors. The oak profile integrates the fruit and tannins which are wide grained and lead to a long, lingering finish.