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*Report #1 California Petite Sirah*

**Highly Recommended**

★ ★ ★ Elyse 2003 Petite Sirah Rutherford (\$37.00)

The Elyse 2003 Petite Sirah produced by owner/ winemaker Ray Coursen is a beautifully structured wine exhibiting a rich black purple color, highly extracted blackberry fruit aromas, and lots of blackberry fruit, tar chocolate and spice on the palate. This textbook of high quality Petite Sirah also offers up spicy oak, big tannins, and a long pleasing finish. This is a wine for aging and should taste terrific even after a decade of cellaring.

★ ★ ★ 2003 Jacob Franklin Petite Sirah Hayne Vineyard (\$65.00)

This Petite Sirah from the renown Hayne Vineyard in Napa Valley is a dark purple and highly aromatic bottling, offering lots of blueberry and plum fruit, spice and earth on the nose. On the palate, this blend of 75% Petite Sirah and 25% Zinfandel, exhibits highly extracted lush black berry fruit with velvety and supple mouth feel. This big elegant wine is well-balanced with ripe tannins and offers a long pleasant finish. Only 10 barrels of this wine were produced.