

Jacob Franklin



2012

PETITE SIRAH
CHAVEZ LEEDS VINEYARD
RUTHERFORD • NAPA VALLEY

HARVEST DATES:	10/2
GRAPE SOURCE:	Chavez-Leeds Vineyard – Rutherford, Napa Valley
BLEND:	100% Petite Sirah
HARVEST BRIX:	24.8°
MACERATION:	15 day native yeast fermentation
AGING:	10 ½ months in American Oak (65% new)
pH:	3.84
TA:	0.49 g/100ml
ALCOHOL:	14.3%
PRODUCTION:	128 cases (12 pack – 750ml)

TASTING NOTES:

Dry farmed in Rutherford Bench soil, the Chavez-Leeds vines have done it again! The 2012 Petite Sirah is a gorgeous rendition of this historic vineyard's knack for producing body and elegance in perfect proportion. Dark in color, notes of blackberries, plums, and wildflowers are woven around scents of earth, bark and wild game. Seemingly endless layers of texture reveal rugged spices led by black pepper, a broad palate, and the grace of soft tannins. This wine is a study in balance that ends with a medium-long bow to its drinker.

Pair with wild game and lamb.

We suggest decanting well ahead of service to allow the bouquet time to develop. Expect this wine to age well for the next 8 to 12 years.

ABOUT JACOB FRANKLIN:

Jacob Franklin Cellars debut bottling was in 1998 and we fondly and literally refer to it as the brother label of Elyse Winery. The man behind the label is our son Jake, who, at the ripe age of eight asked, "When do I get my own label without her name on it?" Good point. And as parents not wanting to show favoritism, why not create a namesake label for him as well? We had gained access to some extremely limited fruit from some highly desirable vineyards in the valley and this label was the perfect place to showcase them, as well as our only estate wine, Hoffman Lane Cabernet Sauvignon.

Jacob Franklin Cellars is focused on small production, low yield, vineyard designate wines from the Napa Valley. Due to the extremely limited production, these wines are available exclusively through the winery.



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