

PETITE SIRAH

ORIGIN: Rhone Valley, France

USE: Great in zinfandel blends and as a varietal wine.



CLUSTERS: medium; long conical to cylindrical, compact, often winged to double; short to medium peduncles.

BERRIES: medium; short oval to round; blue-black with a silvery bloom.

MISC: AKA Dure, Duret, Durif, Pinot de Romans, Pinot de l'Hermitage, Plant Fourchu, Nerin, Gros Noir, and Bas Plant in France, and in California, Petite Sirah. Cross between Peloursin and Syrah



LEAVES: small to medium; deeply 3-lobed (shallow inferior lateral sinuses); closed U-shaped petiolar sinus; short, sharp teeth; lower leaf surface glabrous.

SHOOT TIPS: downy, white tips with rose margin; young leaves with cobwebby hair and bronze-red highlights.

GROWTH: generally moderate growth with open canopies; fasciated organs are common



“Petite sirah thrives at Lytton. While it makes an ideal counterpart to our Zinfandel, it can also produce outstanding varietal wines.”