

2008 Ranch Collection Petite Sirah Lake County

History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing “**World’s greatest wines**”. Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920; most of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area’s grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has more than 8,800 acres of planted vineyards, which is a significant increase from less than 100 acres they had planted in 1965. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as **High Valley** and Red Hills-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute’s Code of Sustainable farming practices

Winemaking Notes

The grapes used to produce our 2008 Shannon Ridge Lake County Petite Sirah came from our family’s High Valley Vineyards in Lake County, California. These blocks create an intense complex multi layered wine from fruit picked at the peak of ripeness. Stainless steel fermented and barrel aged in French and American oak to add a nice richness and balance.

Tasting Notes

Color: Deep purple

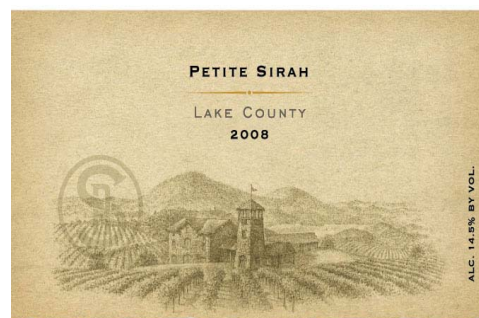
Aroma: rich vanilla oak, blackberry

Flavor: blueberry, cedar spice, boysenberry

Texture: rich, well balanced, bold lingering finish

Technical Data

Alcohol:	14.5%
Total Acidity:	.65
pH:	3.70
Residual Sugar:	.50
Composition/Blend:	90% Petite Sirah, 5% Zinfandel, 5% Syrah
Appellation:	Lake County
Barrels:	French and American oak
Time in Barrels:	12 months
Cases Produced:	2417



Suggested Retail: \$24.00

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