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2013 “PROMISES IN THE PARK” PETITE SIRAH LIVERMORE VALLEY

HARVEST NOTES

2013 was as ideal a year to farm wine grapes as I have seen in the Livermore Valley in nearly 20 years. Clement weather throughout the year and no precipitation in August and October produced one the highest yields California has ever seen. More importantly, the quality of fruit was uniform and extraordinarily high. The lack of rainfall (only 4.50 inches compared to 14.66 in 2012) did have its negative consequences, however. Lowering water tables caused an increased concentration of dissolved minerals that raised soil pH levels and led to the early senescence of canopy and the concomitant lowering of fruit ripeness levels in certain blocks.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Collector's Circle features wines made from cultivars that are largely of Italian and Rhone origin. These wines are meant to be wines of distinction that are made to pair with food and be ready to drink younger than our Bordeaux-variety based wines. Started in 2003, the Collector's Circle has built a passionate audience for these small-lot wines usually made from fruit grown on our two estate vineyards Home Ranch and Ghielmetti. Promises in the Park is a 100% offering of Petite Syrah from the Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard. This wine was purposely made in a style that was more fruit-forward than is typical of Petite Sirah to accentuate the spectacular quality of the vintage and because Assistant Winemaker, Craig Ploof, who created the final blend of this wine, favors a style that is authentic, appropriate to the nuances of fruit specific to the year. Promises in the Park was aged in mostly older wood (French and American oak) for about 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

2013 was similar to 2012 in that it produced ripe fruit. More important than sugar levels, the seeds of the Petite Sirah were ripe and acid and pH levels were in the desirable range. On first opening, dark berry notes of Petite Sirah and a subtle smokiness dominate the nose. Pleasingly, wood is beautifully integrated with fruit, and adds a wonderful underlying scaffold to the depth of ripe fruit. In the mouth, this wine shows great balance between acidity (characterized by the wine's long finish) and the fine-grained tannin supporting the wine all the way through the mouth. The fruit of this wine is its most endearing quality and should be drunk in the near-term to preserve it. Rich, slow-cooked dishes would serve this wine beautifully.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

100% Petite Sirah from Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard, block 12.

HARVEST DATA

October 2013 | pH 3.61 | TA 0.69 | Alcohol 14.4%

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, primary fermentation and extended maceration lasted for more two weeks.

COOPERAGE

Aged for 18 months in mostly used French and American oak barrels.

CASES PRODUCED

146 cases

RELEASE DATE

November 7, 2015

ARTIST

“Promises in the Park” is an original painting from Scott Cleek's very popular Good Life Collection. This particular painting depicts a couple caught in the rain in Central Park, and the romance that ensues. The entire collection of canvases has its roots in Europe. A trip a few years back through France and Italy, along with family trips to England, where Scott's Mother was born and raised, definitely influenced the setting, texture, and mood of these romantic works. You can learn more about Scott and his work at www.sjstudio.com

