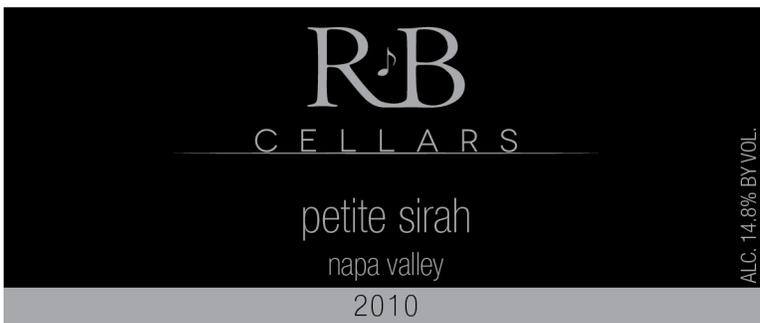




R & B Cellars 2010 Pizzicato Petite Sirah Napa Valley

- Vineyards:** 100% Bingham Ranch, Napa Valley
- Composition:** 97% Petite Sirah 3% Zinfandel
- Harvested:** October 2010
- Bottled:** March 2015
- Released:** April 2015
- Production:** 190 Cases
- Cooperage:** 100% French Oak – 100% new
10 coopers – Radoux, Jarnac,
Boutes, St.Martin, Seguin More
Treuil, Bel Air, Ermitage, Billon,
Vicard



Aged 36 months in 100% brand new French oak – 18 months in the bottle before releasing.

Vineyards

Bingham Ranch is one of the oldest vineyards in the Napa Valley. It has been in the same family since the mid 1800's homesteading times, and was planted with vineyards in the 1950's. The Petite Sirah was planted in the 1980's, and is on the northern edge of the ranch. It is a small berry clone that benefits from extended hang time for optimal ripeness.

The Wine

Harvested in late October, the Petite Sirah from Bingham ranch was perfect. Fruit was hand sorted, and then crushed and de-stemmed into half-ton macro bins. A five-day cold soak was done before fermentation. Hand punched down 3 times a day during fermentation and then gently pressed off and put into 100% brand new French oak barrels for 36 months. The wine was racked 4 times while aging in barrels, and then lightly filtered for bottling. 3% 2009 Zinfandel was added in the final blend.

Winemaker's Comments

This Petite Sirah is dark, powerfully flavored, and intense. An explosion of flavors with hints of blueberry, black currant, and dark plum tones that match beautifully with the French oak notes of dark chocolate and exotic spice. As the name Pizzicato denotes, this wine has lots of "pluck" so you better be ready for some serious wine. In matching with food, this flavor is enhanced and