

2018

VARIETAL 100% Petite Sirah

COOPERAGE 18 months French and Hungarian oak

 $\begin{array}{c} {\tt ALCOHOL} \\ 15.4\% \end{array}$ 

PRODUCTION 300 Cases

\$RP \$29

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UPC 856442005734

## GEHRICKE

Sonoma Valley - Petite Sirah Sonoma, California

## **Tasting Notes**

Full-bodied with a dense red-purple hue, this wine opens up with aromas of fresh berry cobbler, orange zest, leather and tobacco. On the palate, lush flavors of huckleberry, dark cherry and bittersweet chocolate are interlaced with nuances of cracked black pepper and hickory smoke. These fruit-driven flavors are balanced with a smooth texture, supple tannins, vibrant acidity and a warm, spicy finish.

## **Vintage Notes**

The 2018 growing season began cooler than usual for Sonoma County, leading to longer bloom time for grapevines. Moderate summer temperatures with fewer heat spikes than previous vintages allowed for a relaxed pace, excellent development of flavors and retention of natural acidity. A later harvest produced wines with structure, acidity and balance.

## **Food Pairings**

Enjoy these generous flavors with blue cheese, juicy tri-tip sandwiches, barbequed baby back ribs, slow roasted stews, flourless chocolate cake or fine cigars by the fireplace after dinner.

Growing up in Sonoma, we spent a lot of time exploring the local countryside: finding our way through neighboring vineyards owned by old friends and family. I remember the excitement of discovery and freedom while, as a young boy, I thoroughly studied our small town and its outskirts. I remember old dusty roads that led to forgotten vineyards and properties Gehricke is a tribute to one such road.

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