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VINUM CELLARS 2018 PETITE SIRAH, Clarksburg

Vineyard and Winemaking Facts: After the success of our first vintage we decided to make a red counterpart to our Chenin Blanc and enjoyed learning the grower handle for Petite Sirah which is "PETS". Our Clarksburg grower Ken Wilson was the first one to take a chance on us so we decided to dedicate this wine to his dog Tanker who always used to bark at us when we came to the farm. Our description of this wine was a metaphor inspired by the canine "dark colored, long legged and bold", we feel this wine has the potential to be your best friend.

This is our 19th vintage of Petite Sirah from this vineyard. These grapes come from Wilson Farms, a now 4th generation farm established in 1922. While their first grapes were planted to other varietals it became understood rather quickly that the best two varietals to grow there are both Chenin Blanc and Petite Sirah. The planting we first started making wine from was 1979, but we have diversified into other blocks which allows us to make a more complex wine and achieve maximum color extraction. Part of what makes Clarksburg a special appellation is the cooling trend that comes in from the San Francisco Bay everyday at about 3:30 pm which sweeps the heat out of the valley floor and allows the grapes to maintain their natural acidity. I like to say this is a reverse cooling trend in that moderation (of heat) comes in the afternoon rather than the early mornings as it does on the coast.

Tasting Notes: Dark, inky purple, plum color. The intense aromas express blue-berry and huckleberry fruit notes. The wine is refined with a rich French Oak barrel profile which is quite integrated in the mid-palate and a silky platform for the cassis spice and sappy vanilla flavors. The wine is well structured and full bodied with elegant tannins allowing the flavors and character of the variety to shine through. The finish is rich with dark chocolate and creamy Tahitian vanilla.

Food Pairings: This wine pairs well with Mexican Carnitas tacos (barbecued pork) spiced with cardamom and spicy chiles served with salsa fresca. It's great with anything off the grill from Tri-tip to chops to filet mignon and for vegetarians go for an impossible burger made with grains and/or mushrooms.

Varietal Composition...	100% Petite Sirah
Appellation.....	Clarksburg
Winemakers.....	Richard Bruno & Chris Condos
Alcohol.....	14.9%
Barrel Aging.....	100% in 2 year old French Oak for 16 months
TA.....	5.81g/L
pH.....	3.77
Production.....	1,200 cases

Available in 750mL format and 19.5L, stainless steel kegs.