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three 2015 Petite Sirah Mazzoni

The Mazzoni-Live Oak Vineyard is one of two small vineyard blocks that are separated by Live Oak Road in Oakley. The second block is named, simply, *Live Oak*. They were once owned and farmed by two Italian immigrant brothers named Spike and Guido Mazzoni. As of May 2015, the 9-acre Mazzoni block became an estate property ensuring its preservation and continued use in our winemaking program. The old section of this block is made up of predominately Zinfandel vines, but is a field blend of Petite Sirah, Carignane, Mataro, and Alicante Bouschet, as well as a small amount of Muscat of Alexandria. On the very north end of this section lies our oldest and lowest yielding vines that make up this special vineyard designated *Mazzoni Vineyard Petite Sirah* (100%).

There is nothing petite about the *Mazzoni Vineyard Petite Sirah*. It is best described as having exploding aromas of ripe blackberries, blueberries, and massive tannins that, together, somehow, create a balanced wine. With a very intense color profile of dark inky blue-black hues as well as its primary fruit plushness of blue and black fruits and a huge tannin structure, this wine tantalizes the palate and begs for grilled protein. Decant for a minimum of 3 hours (9 would be better) when consuming early or age 8 to 12 years to help soften the tannins. My perfect pairing would be to drink this wine with a grilled ribeye steak that is lightly rubbed with your favorite salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add dried ground rosemary and lavender to the rub if you want a provencal experience. – Matt Cline

Technical Data

Harvest Date: September 5th, 2015

Titrateable Acidity: 0.62 g/100 ml

pH: 3.80

Alcohol: 15.6%

Residual Sugar: 4.6 g/L (dry)

Brix at Harvest: 26.7°

Case Production: 189 (12 x 750 ml)

Suggested Retail: \$38



*"The dirt, the micro-climate, and sustainable wine-growing (from vineyard to bottle) form the cornerstone of **three**. These critical elements are in every bottle we make."*

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