



## *2005 Santino Petite Sirah*

In a setting amidst the pastoral beauty of California's Shenandoah Valley, Santino Winery stands as a tribute to excellence in winemaking. Since 1979, Santino has been producing wines from the soil of Amador County.

### **Winemaker's Notes**

Once thought of as strictly a blending grape, Petite Sirah has emerged as one of the most interesting grape varieties available. The wine has deep color, rich aromatics and substantial flavors. We age the wine for a short time in tank then transfer it to oak barrels for six months of additional aging. The structure of this wine makes it a perfect candidate for hearty foods especially BBQ meats and rich pasta dishes such as Pasta Puttanesca.

### **Vintage**

The growing season of 2005 started out with a normal spring but the record winter and spring rainfall gave plenty of early growth. A hot early summer continued the growth and berry development and a large crop was the result. The weather remained dry throughout the harvest, resulting in perfect fruit condition.



### *Technical Data:*

**Aged:** 6 months in oak  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%  
**pH:** 3.59    **RS:** 0.23 g/100ml  
**Bottled:** May 2008

**Blend:** 100% Petite Sirah  
**TA:** 0.55g/100ml  
**Appellation:** Lodi  
**Suggested Retail Price:** \$10.99