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Priest Ranch Petite Sirah

Price	£46.99
Code	PRIE025

The Priest Ranch range, inspired by James Joshua Priest, one of the original settlers in the area, embodies the essence of the Napa Valley. The winemaker and Co-founder, Craig Becker draws on diverse vineyards within the property which feature a variety of elevations, exposures, soils and microclimates to produce this breathtaking and outstanding range of wines.

Tasting Notes:

"A long-term prospect for cellaring, the 2013 Petite Sirah (100% Petite Sirah) is a big, mighty, masculine wine with dense purple colour and loads of blue and black fruits. It is still somewhat monolithic and titanic in size, but I expect more nuances to emerge. This impressive wine will be singing its praises when drinking it in 10-15 years and for many, many years to follow" 90+ points. Robert Parker Wine Advocate October 2015



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Specification	
Vinification	500L puncheons with 15% in new French oak barrels and 85% in neutral French oak barrls. The wine was racked twice in the first year and three times in the second year of ageing. Bottled unfiltered
ABV	16%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now through 2028
Country	USA
Region	California
Area	Napa Valley
Type	Red Wine
Grapes	Petite Sirah
Genres	Fine Wine
Vintage	2013
Body	Soft, fruity and smooth
Producer	Somerston Wine Company
Producer Overview	The Somerston Estate (of which the historic Priest Ranch is now a part) is 1628 acres of natural beauty, with over 200 acres of sustainably farmed vineyards, winery, and a developing ranch and farm. Somerston is 8 miles east of Rutherford east of the Chiles Valley appellation in Napa Valley. Its diverse soils, microclimates, and exposures are perfect for growing world-class grapes. The vineyard has over 200 acres planted on elevations of 850 to 2400 feet above sea level. Its cool nights, low morning temperatures, late morning fog and warm afternoon temperatures give our vineyards a slow and even ripening. The vineyard is divided into 87 individual blocks that represent the various soils (alluvial fans, silty clay and fractured shale, and Akin). Craig Becker is a founding member of Somerston. **Read more online**
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	Perfect for spicy meat dishes or steak-and-cheese enchiladas.