

# GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



**VINTAGE:** The 2018 vintage was a bountiful vintage marked by cool, consistent temperatures and a timely rainfall for bud break in March and April. Harvest began on September tenth, and the grapes were of the highest quality with lower alcohol and high acidity.

**VINEYARD:** The grapes for this wine were grown at Miljenko's Vineyard, a 34-acre parcel of land north of Calistoga overlooked by Miljenko "Mike" Grgich's home. This sunny and well-drained hillside is the perfect site to grow intensely flavored Petite Sirah. We farm all of our certified organic vineyards naturally, using the principles of regenerative agriculture.

**THE WINE:** This elegant, outstanding Petite Sirah opens with aromas of rich cassis, blackberry and cherry jam followed by notes of candied orange, rosemary, and bay leaf. On the palate one tastes layers of dense, brambly cassis and blackberry, supported by salted toffee with hints of vanilla. The extremely long finish is one of immense richness of fruit with hints of black pepper, clove, and cocoa.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol.....14.8% by volume  
Fermentation.....indigenous yeast;  
pressed off skins  
early to retain fruit  
character; stainless  
steel tanks  
Harvest date.....October 16, 2018  
Sugar.....24.7° Brix (average)  
Bottling date.....March 2021  
Release date.....May 2023  
Total acid .....6.0 g/L  
pH .....3.72  
Time in oak.....32 months  
Type of oak.....French oak;  
100% new barrels  
Production.....549 cases (12/750 ml.)  
Blend.....100% Petite Sirah