

LEGACY

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Dear Friends,

This is an extraordinary year in the life and legacy of our winery since 2018 marks our 135th Anniversary! I would be honored if you would join us in celebrating this milestone in our family's and winery's history, as special celebrations, just like special wines, are meant to be shared. In thinking about this year, I've been exploring old photos and rediscovered this one on your box—it's one that brings back many warm memories of how I saw my father and grandfather as a young boy—along with how the original winery looked at that time with "Concannon Vineyard" painted in enormous letters across the roof—and with the beautiful, 1883 Spanish Mission bell below that you can still see here today. There was also much happening behind that open door which was directly influencing the luscious, Heritage Petite Sirah you are receiving now from our private, family cellar...

The year was 1961, and Dad decided that this would be the vintage to bottle Petite Sirah for the first time as a varietal wine. It was risky. Most believed that a standalone Petite Sirah would be so tannic that it would take decades before it could be enjoyed. However, for years inside those winery brick walls, Dad had been experimenting to perfect ways to tame its robust tannins for producing a young, yet approachable Petite Sirah with both power and elegance. His results were fantastic, so against the wisdom of the time, he bottled his 1961 vintage and released it in 1964. Happily, it flew off the shelves, and since that time, the love for this quintessentially California wine and legacy grape is now at an all time high. Your single vineyard, Heritage Petite Sirahs were born from vines propagated from the same ones that produced the remarkable fruit for Dad's 1961 "America's First Petite Sirah." And, those vines stemmed from the ones my great-grandfather had imported from the University of Montpellier Viticultural Nursery in France and then planted in our 1884 Petite Sirah Vineyard. Your richly elegant and delicious, "Heritage" wines are crafted from exceptional vintages only, and I hope you enjoy them with great food and conversation! Cheers to 135 Years and to Your 2018!

John Concannon
Fourth Generation Vintner

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2010 HERITAGE PETITE SIRAH

1 BOTTLE

The 2010 Heritage Petite Sirah's texture benefits from its age; characterized by silky tannins and a smooth mouthfeel. The nose on this wine shows notes of game, ripe plums and aromas of rich Livermore earth. On the palate, clear dusty tannins run throughout, with bits of chocolate, coffee and soy that intertwine with delicious black cherry and hints of sweet tobacco. The combination provides a balanced and lavish wine.

Appellation Livermore Valley

Case Production 105

Alcohol 15.5%

Residual Sugar 0.34 g/100ml

Titrateable Acidity 0.68 g/100ml

pH 3.67

Release Date February 2018

Aging French Barriques
for 28 months

Suggested Pairing: Roasted bacon wrapped pork tenderloin with balsamic glazed Brussel sprouts

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2012 HERITAGE PETITE SIRAH

1 BOTTLE

As this gorgeous 2012 vintage tumbles into the glass, its rich aromas waft upwards; there is no question that this is a no-nonsense Petite Sirah. Inky and violet in color, bright fruit aromas of ripe plum, blackberries and pomegranate lead you into flavors of strawberries, delicious spices, earth and violets. The finish is extracted with firm tannins and imparts an impressive flavor with a lushness that lingers.

Appellation	Livermore Valley
Case Production	80
Alcohol	14.15%
Residual Sugar	0.05 g/100ml
Titrateable Acidity	0.66 g/100ml
pH	3.58
Release Date	February 2018
Aging	French Barriques for 24 months

Suggested Pairing: Fried gorgonzola polenta cakes topped with grilled andouille sausage