

# LEGACY

· CONCANNON VINEYARD ·

**Dear Friends,**

February brings a serene feeling to the vineyards. Every morning, the sun is peaking through the coastal fog that is lingering and the dew on the vines looks like strings of shimmering crystals. I love the calm and tranquility it brings to the vineyard after the hustle and bustle of harvest. During this time of year, the vineyard team is busy pruning all of the dormant canes off the vines. The winemakers are working closely with them to determine the number of buds we leave on the vine for the upcoming harvest. The decisions we make now will lead to a balanced vine and wonderfully complex flavors in the fruit.

Our Heritage Petite Sirah comes from our Estate Heritage Vineyard that is just to the right of the gate as you enter the property. If you notice, this vineyard is farmed a little differently from the rest of the vineyards in that area. The Estate Heritage Vineyard is head trained, which allows us to create a specific microclimate that is optimal for our Heritage Petite Sirah. The vines are spaced 4 feet apart allowing for plenty of airflow around the grapes. The staggered spur positions allow for the clusters to be independent from the next cluster. The shorter canes and leaf pulling allow for great dapple light to ripen the fruit. All of this leads to a perfect microclimate for our grapes, leading to richness and complexity in our wines. Our 2013 Heritage Petite Sirah has nice, smooth tannins and wonderful fruit. It has a natural sweetness that I am drawn to and it is our pleasure to share this with you.

Cheers,

**Alyssa Barber**

**Winemaker**