

Robert Biale Vineyards Petite Sirah Royal Punisher

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Napa

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

CEPAGE: 100% Petite Sirah

WINEMAKING: Fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the field, and sorted again at the winery. Destemmed, the grapes are then fermented in open top tanks with punch downs gently carried out two to three times per day. Pressed, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 100% French oak barrels, of which 35% is new.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.8%

AGING: 17 months in barrel



THE STORY

Perfecting the old California classics, Robert Biale Vineyards has become a revered standard of heritage vineyard Zinfandel and Petite Sirah in Napa Valley. The Biale Founders have cherished the tradition of historic old vines (some dating to the 1880s!) and prize the small quantity of concentrated and intense fruit that they produce. Diligent farming, expressive terroir, and superb elegance are the winery's hallmarks. Among the winery's portfolio of 20 wines that are crafted by Winemaker Tres Goetting, Black Chicken Zinfandel is the flagship—and has become a benchmark for the varietal.

PHILOSOPHY: "From our beginnings as a winery dedicated to advancing Zinfandel, we have always considered ourselves part farmers, part winemakers, part historic preservation society." -Founders

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Dark and brooding

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Ripe plum, milk chocolate, warm baking spice, leather, and dried fig

MOUTHFEEL: Supple and plush

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 93pts Jeb Dunnuck

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Sustainable

