

# Cellar Society of San Francisco

## Petite Sirah Tasting

August 3, 2019 – Donner Lake

John Henry & Sue, David & Vera, hosts

Bottle No.	California Petite Sirah	My Rank	Group Rank	Points
1	<b>2012 Neal</b> , Rutherford Dust Vineyard, Rutherford AVA, Napa Valley, Alc 14.4%. Integrated flavors and tannins. \$30 Ferry Plaza Wine Merchant, SF		6	59
2	<b>2013 Retro Cellars</b> , Napa Valley, Alc 14.2%. Very smooth, balanced, soft tannins. \$33 K&L, SF		3	50
3	<b>2014 Puccioni</b> , Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Co., Alc 14.1%. Raisin cake and dried cherry; vanilla and plum; soft, supple tannins. Medium bodied. \$34 Total Wine, Palm Desert		2	46
4	<b>2016 Ridge</b> , Lytton Estate, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Co., Alc 13.8%. Good balance, soft tannins. \$37 The Wine Club, SF		1	45
5	<b>2016 Carlisle</b> , Palisades Vineyard, Napa Valley, Alc 15.0%. Good balance, soft tannins, needs time. \$50 The Wine Club, SF		5	57
6	<b>2016 Halcon “Tierra”</b> , Theopolis Vineyards (one of the highest vineyards in California), Yorkville Highlands AVA, Mendocino Co., Alc 14.1%. Bold flavors, young tannins, interesting flavor, peppery (somewhat like a Zin), needs time. \$30 K&L, SF		8	64
7	<b>2017 Halcon “Tierra”</b> , Theopolis Vineyards, Yorkville Highlands AVA, Mendocino Co., Alc 14.1%. The northerly location, ocean exposure, and altitude combine to produce a climate remarkably reminiscent to the Northern Rhône region of France. \$30 K&L, SF		7	60
8	<b>2017 Macchia “Dubious”</b> , Acampo, Amador Co., Alc 14.8%. Called “Dubious” because it’s not “petite.” Rich berry flavor and firm tannin structure. Double Gold in the San Francisco Wine Competition. \$25.50 Total Wine, PD		4	51

	Pre Tasting Wines
A	<b>2006 Mitchell Katz</b> , Falling Star Vineyard, Livermore Valley, Alc 16.0%. After 13 years, it's finally ready to drink. \$20 in 2009, John Henry's cellar
B	<b>2016 Line Shack</b> , San Antonio Valley, Monterey, Alc 14.8%. Massively proportioned, yet balanced. Nose of black raspberries and white pepper, accented by loamy earthiness. \$16 Total Wine, PD
C	<b>2017 Pessimist</b> , Daou Vineyards & Winery, Paso Robles, Alc 15.5%. “A Pessimist is never disappointed.” 64% Petite Sirah, 23% Syrah, 10% Zinfandel, 2% Lagrein, 1% Tannat. Huge fruit, like a foothills Zin. \$22 The Wine Club, SF
D	<b>2017 PETS</b> , Field Recordings Winery, Koligian Vineyard, Central Coast, Paso Robles, Alc 14.5%. Dry farmed. Black peppercorn, plum, venison tenderloin, cranberry glaze (winemaker comments). \$19 K&L, SF