



ARBOR CREST

WINE CELLARS

2009 PETITE SIRAH

Wahluke Slope Vineyard || Wahluke Slope

~ ABOUT THE WINE ~

Arbor Crest is pleased to present our Petite Sirah from the Wahluke Slope Vineyard. Petite Sirah is a wonderfully rich and intense wine. It is loaded with black currant, maple and violets. A grape typically grown in California, we believe this warm site of Wahluke Slope captures the varietal essence of this stunning grape.

~ ABOUT THE VINTAGE ~

The 2009 growing season was very warm initially, nudging the fruit to reach flavor and structural ripeness. This created an early harvest for Arbor Crest. However, cooler weather moved in at just the right time to allow for extra hang time and flavor development keeping the sugar to acid balance just perfect. As well, the crop load on the Petite Sirah was just right so the result was very intense varietal character.

~ ABOUT THE VINEYARDS ~

The Wahluke Slope Vineyard, of which Arbor Crest is part owner, is located in Washington State's newest appellation, Wahluke Slope. Originally part of the Columbia Valley, it is now defined as its own AVA. The Wahluke Slope Vineyard is a fantastic, exceptionally warm site that yields around 3600 *degree-days* during the growing season. Because of its warm location and ideal airflow and orientation, it is a prime location for Petite Sirah.

~ FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS ~

We recommend pairing this delicious Petite Sirah with a thick filet mignon or a New York pepper steak. Enjoy!

~ PRODUCTION STATISTICS ~

VINTAGE 2009	SUGAR AT HARVEST 25.3 BRUX
VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% PETITE SIRAH	WINE ACIDITY 6.45 G/L
APELLATION WAHLUKE SLOPE	WINE PH 3.61
VINEYARDS WAHLUKE SLOPE VINEYARD	ALCOHOL 13.8 %
RELEASE DATE JUNE 2011	BARREL AGING 14 MO. IN FRENCH OAK
OPTIMUM TIME FOR CONSUMPTION NOW UNTIL 2019	CASE PRODUCTION 309 CASES
HARVEST DATES OCTOBER 12, 2009	RETAIL PRICING

