

TOFANELLI

2009 PETITE SIRAH: This blockbuster premier varietal brings seductive aromas of violets, sandalwood and cedar. Very juicy on the palate, with a silky entry loaded with teriyaki, cigar box, dark fruits, clove & nutmeg. This huge, complex wine with classic chewy tannins finishes long and chalky. Very serious for its youth. Drink now and through 2026.

Alcohol: 15.5%
Case production: 125
pH: 3.84
Acidity: 5.5 g/L

VINIFICATION

<i>Harvest</i>	<i>handpicked September 25, 2009</i>
<i>Yeast Addition</i>	<i>none (native wild yeast present on grape skins)</i>
<i>Must Treatment</i>	<i>de-stemmed (no crusher rollers) into open-top fermenters; cold soaked 4 days, manual punch downs twice daily; pressed to barrel</i>
<i>Barrels</i>	<i>50% new French oak; 50% 2-4 year old French oak</i>
<i>Barrel Aging</i>	<i>17 months, racked two times</i>
<i>Final Blend</i>	<i>98% Estate Petite Sirah and 2% Estate Grenache</i>
<i>Bottling Date</i>	<i>March 16, 2011</i>

THE VINEYARD

<i>Location</i>	<i>Dunaweal Lane, 1 mile south of Calistoga, Napa Valley</i>
<i>Acreage</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Soil Type</i>	<i>Bale Series, Gravelly Loam</i>
<i>Vine Style</i>	<i>Head trained (Gobelet)</i>
<i>Rootstock</i>	<i>St. George, 1103 Paulsen, 110 Rupestris</i>
<i>Irrigation</i>	<i>None - dry farmed</i>
<i>Philosophy</i>	<i>Organic</i>