

Cycles GLADIATOR



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Petite Sirah

Appellation: California (65% Livermore Valley, 35% Paso Robles)

Varietal: 82% Petite Sirah & 18% Petit Verdot

Vintage: 2016

Alcohol: 14.5% **TA:** 5.3 g/L **pH:** 3.78

Oak Regimen: 18 months in French and American oak (12% new and 88% neutral barrels)

Winemaker Notes: We utilized grapes from some pretty fantastic vineyards in the Livermore Valley and Paso Robles. The result is a wine that can be expressive, robust, and eminently pleasurable with a wonderful tactile sensation.

Tasting Notes: Your nose immediately tells you this is a big wine. Dark fruit aromas of boysenberry and plum. Savory on the palate with flavors of mocha and dark chocolate. As this wine wraps around the tongue you are hit with the tactile sensation of a Hershey's bar dissolving in the back of your mouth. The tannins are melting and sweet. I call this my "blueberry motor oil". Please serve with a Black and Bleu burger (or anything with bleu cheese), barbacoa street tacos, or spicy Buffalo wings.

Award winning winemaker Adam LaZarre started Cycles Gladiator in 2005. LaZarre's philosophy: "I love producing really great wines that taste two to three times the price & knowing that every night someone is enjoying my wine."



12 & Counting

Since 2005, Adam's Cycles Gladiator wine was rated Best Buy a Dozen Times by WE



Quotes from Matt Kettmann

Central and South Coast Editor, Wine Enthusiast

November 2015: "This twist-top wine by Adam Lazarre is popular for good reason..."

July 2016: "There's excitement about the return of this rather iconic bargain brand to the market, and this bottling packs the goods..."

November 2016: "This wine and the entire brand often punch above their weight..."

