

Cycles GLADIATOR



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Petite Sirah

Appellation: California (72% Paso Robles, 28% Lodi)

Varietal: 91% Petite Sirah & 9% Syrah

Vintage: 2017

Alcohol: 14% **TA:** 5.2 g/L **pH:** 3.76

Oak Regimen: 13 months in French and American oak (15% new American)

Winemaker Notes: Adam was able to pull together a collection of East side Paso Robles vineyards for the expressive fruit-driven component and Lodi for massive, over-the-top structure and depth. Nice combination.

Tasting Notes: Boysenberry and blueberry aromas are bursting from the glass — they are mixed with some pretty spice from the American oak. This is a flavor bomb of blue fruit! It's like baked blueberry pie is mixed with roasted blue plum and then coated with dark chocolate. The tannin structure provides a nice balance for all of this fruit. Adam call this wine his "blueberry motor oil."

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."



14 & Counting

Since 2005, Adam's Cycles Gladiator wines have been rated Best Buy Fourteen 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..."

