



CHARLES B. MITCHELL  
*Vineyards*



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**Harvested; Bottled**

9/14/13; 6/3/15

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**Appellation**

Fair Play

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**Varietal(s)**

Petite Sirah

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**Brix at Harvest**

24.5

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**Quantity**

250 Cases

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**Alcohol**

14.1%

## Estate Reserve Petite Sirah

2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

### Winemaker's Notes

Petite Sirah, a small-berried, red wine grape is cultivated in Fair Play, California and France. The varietal produces some tannic red wines that give it an aging edge and is a useful blender for other red wines. The fruit characters of a Petite Sirah include blackberry, black cherry, blueberry, plum and sometimes a smoky component, as well as a spicy black pepper presence.

The origin of the Petite Sirah grape is France, where it was developed in the 1870s in France's Rhône region by Dr. Durif. Petite Sirah is a genetic cross using Syrah pollen and the flower of the Peloursin plant, a Rhône table grape.

This intense 2013 Charles B. Mitchell Estate Reserve Petite Sirah wine has violet legs and dark purple color and aromas that are fruity and floral.

Estate grown, this Petite Syrah's small berries, and consequently high skin-to-juice ratio, allows for production of wines with high tannin levels, surprisingly high acidity, and thus the ability to age 3 to 8 years.

**Food Recommendations:** Beef, Teriyaki Beef, Lamb Chops, Pheasant, Gorgonzola cheese, Filet Mignon.

### Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.