

PETITE SIRAH IN A NUTSHELL

- ❖ Dr. François Durif's eponymous grape arrives in California from southern France in 1884, where the American importer promptly renames it "petite sirah."
- ❖ All petite sirah in California is durif.
- ❖ Durif is a cross of peloursin (mother vine) and syrah (father vine).
- ❖ Durif and petite sirah are synonymous.
- ❖ Syrah and petite sirah are distinct varieties, but as closely related as two varieties can be, just as father and son are distinct individuals, but closely related.
- ❖ Petite Sirah should be decanted and allowed at least one hour of "breathing time" to be thoroughly enjoyed.

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