

# THE CRUSHER



**VARIETAL**  
Petite Sirah

**APPELLATION**  
Clarksburg

**VINTAGE**  
2008

**PH**  
3.74

**TA**  
0.59 mg/L

**ALCOHOL**  
13.5%

**UPC**  
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## CLARKSBURG PETITE SIRAH

The Crusher Petite Sirah 2008 pours a dark, inky purple— classically Petite Sirah. Breaking away from other hard, heavy Petite Sirahs, this wine's aroma leaps out of the glass with fresh blackberries, toasted walnuts, and a toffee-like edge. It is incredibly aromatic and bright, like smelling a fresh rose. The wine transitions on the palate to rich, creamy blueberry flavors, a full-bodied, milk chocolate mouthfeel, and caramel oak nuance. Rich and soft, it evokes thoughts of cocoa butter and nutmeg. Velvety, mouth-filling tannins lead to a faintly sweet, strawberry finish. The bright, juicy fruit flavors of this wine are nicely balanced by its darker, caramel flavors and well integrated oak.

Mushu pork or Szechwan beef with a sweet chili sauce would be excellent pairings with the dark but aromatic qualities of this Petite Sirah. A plum sauce would also marry with this wine particularly well. For backyard grilling, a juicy sirloin burger with Sonoma jack cheese often pairs well with red wine and our Petite Sirah would be a fantastic example of this combination. Try this for dessert: spiced poached pears with the wine left over after dinner. The rich, dark, creamy flavors of our Crusher Petite Sirah will meld with the pears and take this dessert to a whole new level.