

STONEHEDGE WINERY
TERRIOR SELECT
2006 Mendocino County
Petite Syrah

The Vineyards and Winemaking:

The grapes for this Petite Syrah are from the Palini Ranch in Mendocino County. The vines on this ranch are among some of the oldest grape vines in California. The Palini family has been growing grapes for 3 generations.

Growing season:

Unusually cool and wet spring weather early in the growing season delayed the start of vine growth. Warm summer heat followed by more moisture contributed to a smaller crop. A heat wave in late July was followed by a drop in temperature mid-August pleased both growers and winemakers by permitting a longer hang-time for red grapes.

Tasting notes:

The 2006 Terrior Select Mendocino County Petite Sirah has rich aromas of blackberries, currents, plums and blueberries. The dense dark berry fruit and intriguing spicy flavors combined with silky tannins leads to a rich satisfying conclusion. Ideal with game and red meats, it can accompany chocolate as well.



Harvest Date:	September 16, 2006
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.58
Titrateable Acidity:	0.59
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Oak Aging:	18 Months in French and American oak
Blend:	100% Petite Sirah
Appellation:	Mendocino County