



**WOODEN NICKEL**

*Petite Syrah*

<b>Vintage:</b>	2003
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Petite Syrah
<b>Appellation:</b>	Napa Valley (Yountville)
<b>Aging:</b>	16 months (one year old French Alliers & Troncais oak)
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1%
<b>Total Production:</b>	120 cases
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Charles Hendricks

**Tasting Notes:**

The fruit was hand picked during the cool morning hours. After being destemmed and gently crushed into small bins, a three day cold soak was carried out to preserve the unique varietal character of Petite Syrah. Punchdowns occurred three times a day to maximize the extraction of color, tannin and flavor. The malic fermentation occurred in the French oak barrels. After blending the wine from the barrels, it was filtered gently and bottled.

The wine is a deep inky purple with jammy notes that fill the mouth with ripe blackberry, blueberry and boysenberry. The voluptuous finish lingers with toasty vanilla and lush fruit.