

# LANGTRY VINEYARD GUENOC PETITE SIRAH 2019/\$9.99



## DESCRIPTION

Lillie Langtry, née Emilie Charlotte Le Breton was a famous actress and socialite during the 19th century. She was born on the British Island of Jersey off the coast of Normandy, France in 1853. Lillie was one of seven of the Dean of Jersey's children and his only daughter. Although she never received a formal education, Lillie went on to have a successful acting career. She starred in many plays in England and the United States. In 1888, Lillie purchased 4,200 acres of land in California that would become Langtry Farms.



Guenoc Valley lies sixty miles north of San Francisco — a breathtaking panorama of oak-strewn grasslands, rolling green hills, craggy outcroppings and perfect volcanic cinder cones, painted with the shimmer of a dozen azure lakes. The 21,349-acre Langtry Estate is one of

the largest contiguous private land holdings in California, and among the most beautiful.

Guenoc wines are sourced from a blend of estate vineyards and premier growing sites from around California. Soils range from rocky volcanic highlands to mountain valleys lined with gravelly riverbeds. The combination of these unique sites allows them to produce wines that exemplify the diversity found in these distinct regions.

Guenoc wines embody the independent spirit of famed actress and winery founder, Lillie Langtry, who defied the conventions of her time and forged her own path, becoming a Lake County vintner in 1888. The wines are fresh, vivacious, and distinctly California.

Guenoc Valley is a small, inland AVA in the larger Lake County AVA in California. The area can be found just north of the Napa County boundary and roughly 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Clear Lake.

### **LANGTRY VINEYARD GUENOC PETITE SIRAH**

First originating from France, Petite Sirah is now grown all around the world; particularly prominent in California, Australia and Israel. Though it is a widespread variety, it is still considered particularly rare, with only 10,000 acres planted worldwide which is very small when you compare it to more well-known varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, which totals around a whopping 840,000 acres!

Despite the small but mighty grape producing wines of hearty structure, it is one that can lose too much of its fruity character with aging, and is therefore best consumed within the decade. However, as with most wines, particularly outstanding examples have the ability to age elegantly for upwards of 20 years.

### **Tasting Notes**

#### **NOSE:**

Aromas of ripe in blackberries, cherries, chocolate and sweet oak.

#### **PALATE:**

A fine Petite Sirah, dark, full bodied and dry, with ripe flavors of blackberries, mocha, leather, herbs and spices. Feels smooth and clean in the mouth, with chewy tannins and a long, rich finish.

#### **PAIRING:**

When pairing Petite Sirah with food, one must consider the tannins in the glass. Bitterness and astringency, roughing the taste buds on your tongue, can become velvety and smooth when paired with rich, fatty foods. Think a big bold red wine with a juicy ribeye steak; the rich fat coats your mouth like a blanket and the wine cuts through this, cleansing your palate with each bite.

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