



2005 Napa Valley Petite Sirah

Dark as night, our Petite Sirah is big, bold and beautiful. Luscious flavors of blackberry jam, coffee and licorice with some earthiness and leather. Dry with powerfully rich tannins, it can accompany the heartiest of meals.

The grapes are sourced from vineyards in the Chiles Valley, just east of St. Helena, in the heart of the Napa Valley.

Statistics

Appellation:	St. Helena
Harvest:	Oct. 15, 2005
Bottled:	June 2006
Production:	250 cases
Barrels:	14 months 100% French Oak 50% new

Hayne Vineyard

At S. E. Chase Family Cellars, we have a deep appreciation for old vines. Planted in 1903, the vines are head pruned, dry-farmed and are planted on St. George rootstock. The gravelly soil combined with a slight slope consistently produces the most exuberant and expressive Zinfandel grapes in the Napa Valley. These unique grapes create one of the most robust Zinfandels from the Napa Valley region.

S. E. Chase Family Cellars

Although our family has been growing grapes in the Napa Valley for over 100 years, it wasn't until 1997 that we decided to expand into wine making. Celebrating our family heritage, we chose the name Chase Family Cellars. Widowed in 1874, Sarah Esther Chase Bourn ventured from San Francisco to St. Helena to re-establish her family. A true Napa Valley pioneer, Sarah purchased about 320 acres between St. Helena and Rutherford in the heart of the Napa Valley.

Sarah's daughter, Maude, and her husband, William Alston Hayne, planted the Zinfandel vines just after the turn of the century. Ever since, the vineyard has been handed down from generation to generation and tenderly maintained by descendants of the Chase-Bourn-Hayne-Simpson family. Sixty acres of old vine Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards remain in the family.