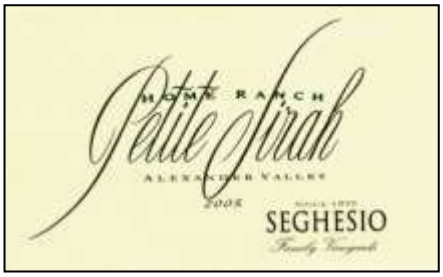
2005 Home Ranch Petite Sirah

In 1893, newlyweds Edoardo and Angela Seghesio purchased their first home in Alexander Valley. As winemaker for the most prominent winery in Sonoma County, Edoardo recognized great vineyard potential surrounding the modest home. In 1895, he planted the "Home Ranch" to Zinfandel field-blended with small amounts of Petite Sirah. In 1990, realizing the uniqueness of this old Petite Sirah clone, we planted seven acres on the Home Ranch .



Creating wines from the treasured century-old clones grown in the remarkable soils of our Home Ranch embodies our Family's goal of Sharing Uncommon Ground.

Vineyard Location	Estate vineyard in Alexander Valley planted in 1990 from Edoardo's original Home Ranch clones.
Vintage	2005 was one of the coolest and longest growing seasons in recent memory. Moderate weather from July to mid-September (temperatures seldom eclipsed 85°F) created ideal ripening conditions allowing the fruit to mature slowly and evenly.
Vineyard Regime	Our vineyard crews perform their standard meticulous practices of early season suckering and basal leaf removal. Fruit on weak shoots is removed. Leaves are removed to maintain 25% ambient light thru the canopy. Both a green harvest in June and an early August veraison thin are performed. Finally, a pre-harvest touch-up pass ensures evenly ripened fruit. This vineyard produces less than 2 tons per acre.
Hand-Harvested	October 3, 2005
Average Brix at Harvest	25.5°
Fermentation Regime	Fermented in small, open-top stainless-steel fermenters; punch-down cap management by hand. Total maceration time of 10 days.
Barrel Regime	Barrel aged 16 months in 50% French / 50% American Oak; 30% new barrels.
Alcohol – 14.9%	*Release Date – March 2008*

Winemaker Notes

- *Scents of spicy, brambly raspberries & licorice-cherry flavors*
- *Site-specific accents redolent of orange peel & flinty earth*
- *Creamy, cedary oak tones*
- *Fine varietal character & clarity*
- *Structurally integrated tannins*
- *Full-bodied, supple & length*

--Ted Seghesio