

FULCRUM

Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah Press

Wine Spectator

2013 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah Licorice-scented blackberry and blueberry flavors start off plush and juicy, with tannins firming on the finish. Smoke, tea and clove details linger on the finish. Drink now through 2026. **90 Points** –Mary Ann Worobiec November 2016

Wine & Spirits

2013 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"There's not much petite sirah left in the Russian River Valley-pinot noir has all but taken over- and yet Sonoma vineyard guru Ulysses Valdez decided to plant some in 2004 on this warm, rocky hillside above the fogline near the border of Dry Creek valley. The dry sunny 2013 vintage ripened the fruit to petite sirah grandeur: muscular without too much weight, dark berry flavors making way for more lifted thyme and violet scents. The tannins have some of petite's trademark mouth-drying gravitas, but this is relatively fine and silky- you'd do well to age it for a decade, but could also decant it now for a steak. It's a wholesome, uniquely California red." **93 Points: Exceptional examples of their type** -Luke Sykora, July 2016

Wine Enthusiast

2013 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"This is a relatively light-bodied and elegant version of the variety, softly approachable and enjoyable even in its youth. Leathery pepper sits atop nuanced layers of chocolate and blueberry, with a tang of sour cherry and a leanness to the finish." **90 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended**

-Virginie Boone, June 2016

Wine & Spirits

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"Winemaker David Rossi's first stab at a petite sirah, this comes from a block planted in 2004 in the hills above Westside Road. It's a cool site for petite, expressed in the zingy acidity and stony texture. It remains firm with air, the aromas of juniper and lilac pristine and inviting. This will likely gain complexity with another eight or ten years in the cellar, but you could decant it now for fatty braised lamb shoulder." **92 Points: Exceptional examples of their type**

-Luke Sykora, August 2015

The Wine Guy on News Talk KSRO

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

Rhône Wine of the Year

"Fulcrum was founded in 2005 by winemaker David Rossi, who still makes his home in New Jersey. **Rossi's style produces wines of elegance and balance. This Petite Sirah shows just that!**"

-Tom Simoneau, December 2014

Capital Gazette

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"The producer of some terrific Anderson Valley pinot noirs has applied his talents to the debut vintage of a Russian River Valley petite sirah. Not always appreciated because of its tannic nature, petite sirah is a serious wine. In Fulcrum's hands, it's also a friendly petite sirah with varietal blackberry flavors and a hint of licorice."

-Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, July 2015

City & Shore

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"Petite Sirah is not a well-known wine grape, but the 2012 Landy Vineyard Russian River Valley Petite Sirah could make it famous. Produced by the makers of Fulcrum pinot noirs, it's an inky black wine that shows assertive flavors of blackberry in every sip. It's a wine that could be cellared for two decades or more, but if you don't want to wait that long, enjoy it now."

-Bob Hosmon, June 2015

Wine Enthusiast

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"It's rare to find this variety in Pinot-heavy Russian River Valley, but this producer treats it with respect, crafting a minuscule amount of worthy flavor, the 100% Petite Sirah awash in velvety tannins that tease in coconut and vanilla. Soft oak is supported by smoky leather, chocolate and blackberry, a dustiness completing the picture." **91 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended**

-Virginie Boone, April 2015

Restaurant Wine

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"Full bodied, dry, and concentrated; a round, moderately tannic Petite Sirah with a long finish. It tastes of blackberry, plum, toast, and oak. Needs aging." **4 out of 5 Stars: Excellent quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommend**

-Ronn Wiegand, April 2015

Newsday

"Generous with berries and worth cellaring: the **2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah** from the Russian River Valley with red meat from steak to hamburgers."

-Peter Gianotti, April 2015

Wine Lines Online

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

"It is an opaque, inky black in the glass, with scents of dark flowers, restrained aromas of blackberry and blueberry fruit, pencil shavings, and licorice root. It is full and palate-coating, yet the tannins are refined and velvety. Time will tell how much of the tightly-wound core of fruit blossoms with several years in the cellar. **Everything is in balance for a long lived wine** – this red can be enjoyed now with smoked red meats or can be cellared a decade or more to appreciate the secondary aromas and flavors of a mature wine." **90 Points**

-Glen Frederiksen and Bob Johnson, March 2015

The Detroit News

“Meet Fulcrum's David Rossi: A self-taught artist with Pinot Noir”

“He is an artisan producer of Fulcrum and On Point Pinot Noirs from some of California's top vineyards and earning praise from *Wine Enthusiast* magazine, blogger Dan Berger and columnist Anthony Dias Blue. **Rossi's Fulcrum wines have deep color with pronounced tannins and complex structures. His other label, On Point, emphasizes vibrant flavors, silky tannins and an immediately alluring personality**, as he describes it. He stresses these are ‘stylistic distinctions — not quality ones.’”

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

“It pours as dark and concentrated as an essence. It's graceful but powerful with complexity, alcohol and a big backbone of acidity. It has aromas of blackberry, cherry, spice, vanilla and licorice with bold dark fruit flavors and mouth-coating tannin. It's still young and closed-in, which bodes well for its age-worthiness. But it's also delicious right now.”

-Sandra Silfven, August 2015

Capital Gazette

“Wine Picks of the Week”

2012 Fulcrum Landy Vineyard Petite Sirah

“Like most good petite sirahs, **this gem from the Russian River Valley** is dark and inky with opulent, ripe blackberry and blueberry flavors and a hint of sweet vanillin oak.”

-Tom Marquardt, April 2015