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You'll notice a plethora of Petite Sirah wines this month. Petite Sirah has been shrouded in mystery, further complicated by statements from noted wine writers such as Jancis Robinson. In her book *Vines, Grapes and Wines*, Robinson states, "The mystery about Petite Sirah is how it got its name. There is nothing particularly petite about it, and it has no connection whatsoever with the noble Syrah of the Rhône valley ..."

Through the efforts of Dr. Carole Meredith, Professor Emeritus, Department of Viticulture and Enology, University of California and her colleagues, DNA profiling has revealed the true lineage of Petite Sirah.

We now know Petite Sirah is the result of cross-pollination between Peloursin (an obscure variety found in the South of France) and Syrah, one of the world's great red grapes.



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2002 Silkwood, Petite Sirah, Stanislaus County, This wine takes after its name - silky smooth with obvious wood notes. Black fruit, toasty oak, mint and cedar leaf highlight the nose and carries over to the palate. The finish is long and underscored by black currant notes and sweet oak. Check out the unusual velvet packaging. An elegant-styled Petite that can be enjoyed now.