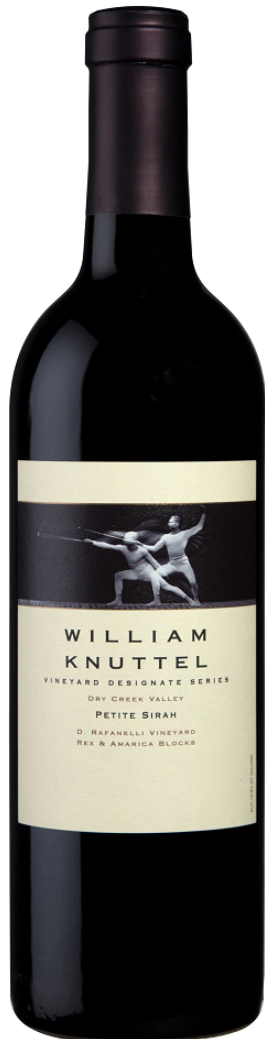




WILLIAM KNUTTEL

William Knuttel's winemaking journey began at Saintsbury, where he was winemaker from 1983 to 1996 and established that brand as an international leader in high-end Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the Burgundian style. William Knuttel was also Vice President and Winemaker at Chalk Hill Winery from 1996 to 2003, specializing in ultra-premium Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris. From 2003 to 2011 Knuttel was Executive Winemaker at Dry Creek Vineyard, where he completely re-honed the styles and quality of that winery's extensive portfolio. Knuttel was also ZAP's winemaker in 2005, producing their Heritage Zinfandel, and President of the California Cabernet Society from 1999-2003.



2016 PETITE SIRAH "D. RAFANELLI VINEYARD REX & AMERICA BLOCKS" DRY CREEK VALLEY, NAPA VALLEY

The 2016 Rex & Amarica Petite Sirah has aromas of blackberry and ripe pomegranate, black plum and black cherry, with well-integrated oak and toast. The wine is opaque, nearly like India ink, with black and deep purple hues. The velvety tannins are meshed in intense blackberry, black cherry and licorice flavors, and the well-balanced finish lingers while concentrated fruit explodes on the pallet.

Only 66 cases were produced.

91 Points, *The Wine Enthusiast*: "Leathery, savory and herbal, this block designate from the heart of the appellation is impressively complex, structured and dusty on the palate. Black pepper, blueberry and gamy meat combine around significant tannin and lasting oak."