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Report #1 California Petite Sirahs

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**Highly Recommended**

## 2002 Marr Cellars Petite Sirah, Tehama Foothills

Bob Marr, owner and winemaker, has produced a dense rich deep purple stylish and fruit driven Petite Sirah. Highly extracted and flavorful, this bottling offers lots of blueberry fruit, pepper, smoked meat, spices and sweet oak. This is a big wine with big flavors and good grip. While approachable now, it should definitely improve with time in the bottle. Unfortunately only 220 cases were made of this beauty.



Jay Youmans was honored in 2004 by The Institute of Masters of Wine with qualification of Master of Wine.

Of the 93 candidates who sat for the examination, Jay was one of only two to have now completed all Master requirements, including a dissertation.

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