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BUYING GUIDE

ESOTERICA

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2007

Chavez-Leeds Vineyard

PETITE SIRAH

94 Esoterica by Kent Rasmussen 2007 Chavez-Leeds Vineyard Petite Sirah (Rutherford); \$40.

Very dry and tannic, as Petite Sirah should be. But unlike many “Pets,” it’s also balanced and elegant. The official alcohol is only 13.5%, yet there’s not a trace of greenness. In fact, the wine, which has plenty of French oak, is quite rich in blackberry and black currant flavors. Really a superb example, a Petite Sirah for Cabernet fans. Should evolve interestingly for many years. *Editors’ Choice.*