Vineyard Source
The grapes for this dessert wine came from Pedroncelli’s estate vineyard in Dry Creek Valley. The four acre vineyard was established in 1995. The following Port varietals are planted with an acre each: Tinta Madeira, Tinta Cao, Touriga Nacional, and Souzao. Each varietal matures at a slightly different rate but are picked at the same time. They are harvested as a field blend and each of the varieties contribute acid, color and flavor components. This is the twenty first vintage produced at Pedroncelli.

Winemaking
The ripened grapes are brought into the winery, destemmed and crushed. Yeast is added to start the fermentation; it continues for several days until the fermentation is stopped by adding neutral grape spirits. The addition of spirits ceases the fermentation and a small amount of residual sugar is left. The young wine is then aged in seasoned American oak barrels. Aging for four years softens and matures the wine, adding oak notes and complexity.

Tasting Notes
Ripe cherry, caramel and dark chocolate aromas lead to a flavorful dessert wine with warm spice, toffee and rich plum flavors. A very complex and rich Port with great balance between the sugar and acid and a long finish. Cellar note: Although ready to drink now, this port will benefit from aging for the next 10 years.