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2012 Petit Verdot

Producer Profile

Located just north of the town of St. Helena on the loamy bench soils at the base of the western hills, the estate produces world-class Bordeaux varietals from its historic 42-acre vineyard. The entire property is biodynamically farmed and 100% certified organic. The winemaking is at once state-of-the-art and hands-on artisanal. Natural yeast, the finest French oak barrels, and attention to detail are the ingredients. The wines are age-worthy and collectable, and made in an international style that celebrates power, finesse, elegance, and terroir expression.

Winemaker's Notes

From the rocky soils in block 3 right next to our "1886" Cabernet Sauvignon blocks, we have one precious acre of Petit Verdot. From these fragile vines comes an intensely earthy and gamey expression of our Ehlers terroir as seen through the esoteric eyes of Petit Verdot. Cloaked in dark chocolate, coffee, ripe blueberries, and lavender, this is a savage, dense, fascinating, full-bodied gem of a red wine that satisfies like a powerful Cabernet, while sporting a completely different swagger.

Notes on the Vintage

2012 was a great vintage in the Napa Valley. Early spring rains gave us just the water we needed to get the vines growing, then the warm weather set in right on cue. All summer long we enjoyed warm days and cool nights that were so beautiful it was almost too good to be true! A long mellow season with enough heat to polish the grapes and develop the flavors, and no extreme weather events to compromise the valley-wide excellence. Every grape on the estate was picked at optimum ripeness.



Final Blend

100% Petit Verdot

Oak Regime

100% French Oak, 50% New

Primary Coopers

Nadalie, St. Martin, Baron,
Demptos, De Jarnac

Harvest Date

October 4, 2012

Bottling Date

July 23, 2014

Average Maturity

24.1 °Brix, 3.70 pH, 0.59 TA

Finished Wine

14.2% alcohol