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2016 PETIT VERDOT NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

It isn't often that you can claim a near-perfect growing season, but in 2016 we could do just that. Moderate rainfall, a low number of frost hours and another mild spring lead to early bud break into flowering and then to fruit set in a steady rhythm. July and August were relatively mild – perfect for veraison - with warmer days coming in September and the beginning of October. 2016 marks the fifth consecutive stellar vintage of Napa Valley wines, another pearl on the strand for quality perfection in Napa Valley wines.

Vineyard

Our family vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins.

Wine Profile

The 2016 Petit Verdot is a delightful wine that shows off why we enjoy blending it with our Cabernet so much. The aromas of blueberry, baker's chocolate, black currant and dates slowly roll out of the glass. With a full and robust palate that yearns for roast meat the wine has flavors of dark cherry, pomegranate, plum, espresso, and coco powder. The full fine-grained tannins drive the wine through the palate and leave you with a spiced tobacco finish. Enjoy with a hearty stew or prime rib from 2021-2032 and beyond.

Technical Information

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Cases Produced:	188
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Release:	May 2019
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Barrel Aging:	20 months
Harvest Date:	September, October 2016		70% New French Oak
Blend:	76% Petit Verdot		Hungarian Oak
	24% Malbec	Alcohol:	14.9%
		Total Acidity:	6.6 g/l
		pH:	3.85

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