

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2012 PETIT VERDOT, NAPA VALLEY

Vineyard: The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The vineyard is planted of only 4 rows of Petit Verdot.

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Petit Verdot

Growing Season Notes: 2012 was a “classic” Napa vintage in many regards. Weather conditions during bloom were ideal leading to a generous set in the grapes. This allowed us to be more aggressive in our “green” thinning at veraison to create more even ripeness in the remaining clusters at harvest time. Temperatures during September were mild and consistent allowing the grapes to slowly ripen. We harvested the Petit Verdot on October 8th.

Details: Petit Verdot is considered a blending grape and we ferment and age a few barrels of it every year. Most years, it adds complexity to our Bon Passe Cabernet and Linda’s Hillside Cabernet. In exceptional years, we keep a few barrels and bottle it on its own. The 2012 vintage is our fifth bottling of 100% estate grown Petit Verdot.

Winemaker: Brian Mox

Barrel Aging: 20 months in Oak – 60% new: 90% French, 10% American

Winemaker Tasting Notes: Our magnificent, dense purple colored Petit Verdot reveals notes of ripe and dark berries with hints of truffles. The palate is rich with blueberries, violet, ground coffee flavors and displays serious tannins. Enjoy it now or aged, this wine is beautiful now but will surely only become embellished with time.

Production: 40 cases