

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2011 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, Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Petit Verdot

GROWING SEASON NOTES: 2011 was one of the coolest vintages on record with mild temperature for most of the season. Attention to detail during this season was key to maximize fruit character and avoid threats created by cooler temperature and rain. We carefully picked our fruit leaving a lot of it behind (mostly unripe) from October 21 to 24, taking advantage of the warm weather and avoiding the rain.

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 Hillside. In exceptional years, we keep a few barrels and bottle it on its own. The 2011 vintage is our fourth 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: 70 cases