

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2014 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: The 2014 vintage started out slightly earlier than normal with bud break in late March for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Temperatures were unusually even and a bit warmer for the first half of the growing season leading to expectations of a very early harvest. Things cooled down to near or just below normal for August and into early September allowing the grapes to slowly approach their peak. A nice warming trend in early September slowly pushed the grapes toward ripeness. The first week of October was ideal with plenty of sunshine and temperatures into the low 90's bringing our Petit Verdot was then harvested 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 2014 vintage is our seventh 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 dark blackberry with slight hints of Anise and oak spice. The palate is rich with ripe blackberry and mocha and displays chewy tannins. Enjoy it now or aged, this wine is drinking beautifully now.

Production: 42 cases

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