

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2015 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 2015 vintage started out two weeks earlier than normal with bud break in mid-March. Temperatures were a bit more erratic for much of April and into May, leading to a smaller than average crop for Cabernet Sauvignon. Temperatures were closer to average from June into mid-August. Warm spells in August and September pushed the ripeness, but the weather settled down in late September to allow the vines to recover and give us necessary hang time to mature the tannins. We picked the Petit Verdot the first week of October.

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 2015 vintage is our eighth 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 concentrated lush 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: 39 cases