

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2019 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 6 rows of Petit Verdot.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

VARIETAL: 100% Petit Verdot

GROWING SEASON NOTES: The 2019 season started positively with ample rainfall during the winter, especially in late February. Some warmer weather in mid-March led to an average timing for budbreak in mid-March. Cooler weather in May raised concerns about bloom and pollination, but fruit set was successful leading to a near average crop size. The summer saw ideal weather for vine growth and fruit maturation, with moderate and even temperatures. Two nice warm spells in mid and late September continued the steady ripening trend for the Petit Verdot. After a final warm trend in early October, we picked the Petit Verdot October 17th.

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 2019 vintage is our tenth bottling of 100% estate grown Petit Verdot.

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 21 months in Oak – 30% New: 100% French

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES: This concentrated deeply purple colored beauty has aromas of blackberry, plum, black cherry, with savory hints of black tea and black pepper. The palate is rich with boysenberry and bittersweet chocolate. The density of the palate, the ripe fruit, and slightly savory flavor profile make it an ideal pairing for grilled meats and hearty dishes. It should peak from 2025 – 2031 depending on individual preferences and then age gracefully for another 3+ years.

PRODUCTION: 27 cases