

2015 DCV9 ESTATE PETIT VERDOT - DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Our estate Petit Verdot is grown in a small, 3.55-acre parcel of our iconic Endeavour Vineyard. We find that this delicious varietal lends structure, fleshy tannins and depth of color as a blending component for our Meritage and The Mariner wines, but is outstanding all on its own as well. In certain vintages, we decide to bottle a small amount of Petit Verdot, exclusively for our wine club members, to more fully express this incredible variety. This limited production wine showcases the nuances of this noble varietal and the *terroir* of our home appellation.

GROWING SEASON

A dry and warm winter began the 2015 growing season with bud break coming in early March. Cool weather came during fruit set, with not a lot of sunshine. A heat spike came in late June. However, the grapes ripened evenly and flavor and development were right where we wanted them to be. Yields were a bit down from previous vintages, but the quality was extremely high. This was one of our earliest recorded harvests with one of the earliest finishes in our history!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This dark and brooding Petit Verdot displays intriguing aromatics of cedar, leather and cassis. Additional airing reveals sweet and spicy notes of pipe tobacco and espresso powder. The palate is full-bodied and rich with luscious flavors of black cherry, boysenberry and elderberry complimented by nuances of anise and graphite. The wine is perfectly balanced with vibrant acidity, structured tannins and a plush mouthfeel.

RELEASE DATE	April 2018
BLEND	91% Petit Verdot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 21, 2015
ALCOHOL	14.5%
FERMENTATION	12 days in fermenters; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	18 months in French oak; 36% new oak
BRIX	Average 2.67
PH	3.71
TA	6.2g/L
SOILS	Gravelly loam
VINE AGE	15 years
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre

