



# *Girard*

## 2017 PETIT VERDOT NAPA VALLEY

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season was not like the past few vintages; it wasn't particularly "easy" or "by the book" but it was an opportunity to flex our grape growing and wine making skills and we remain proud of the high-quality wine we produced in this vintage. The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering. A freak hail storm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage. A warm summer was punctuated by three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, which kicked harvest into high gear by early September. Cool weather arrived immediately afterward, allowing sugar levels to return to normal and affording the grapes additional hang-time on the vine.

### VINEYARD NOTES

This wine is a blend from two distinctive vineyards; Juliana Vineyard in the northeast region of the Napa Valley, and York Creek Vineyard on Spring Mountain in northwestern Napa Valley.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose this wine reveals hallmark characteristics of Petit Verdot; jasmine, white blossoms and blue fruit. The palate is bold with flavors of mocha, blueberry pie and hints of pepper spice. The tannin structure of Petit Verdot lends it as a powerful blending component in many Bordeaux style wines. Bottled on its own, Petit Verdot showcases those flashy blueberry, blackberry and baking spice characteristics across an expansive palate, with an everlasting finish.

### ABOUT THIS WINE

Petit Verdot is often only used as a blending component in Cabernet Sauvignon, as a small amount can dramatically impact the overall character of the wine. When possible, we bottle Petit Verdot as a stand-alone wine to highlight this varietal's distinctive and impressive qualities.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION Napa Valley | OAK AGING 18 months in 100% French oak, 40% new

ALCOHOL 14.7% | pH 3.57 | TA 6.6 g/L | RESIDUAL SUGAR 2.0 g/L | PRODUCTION 488 cases