



Girard

2018 PETIT VERDOT NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual, but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. Summer brought more balance in the form of sunshine and cooling marine influences at night. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall; allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels.

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 graciously endowed with flavors of blueberry cobbler, espresso, chocolate and vanilla. The grippy 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 and an unforgettably 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, 50% new

ALCOHOL 14.7% | pH 3.67 | TA 6.1 g/L | RESIDUAL SUGAR 1.1 g/L | PRODUCTION 388 cases