



FLORA SPRINGS
GREAT TASTES

MAY 2017

Two to Try

One of the most eye-opening tastings we offer club members is the chance to try the five red Bordeaux varietals side by side. When you taste an isolated varietal, you can truly understand what makes a blend like Trilogy so complex. Petit Verdot, a Bordeaux varietal, is a wine I've come to appreciate in its pure form. From our vineyard, we get the classic floral, violet nose with rustic, spicy plum overtones on the palate...a lovely wine on its own!

Our Poggio del Papa dates back to 1992 when we

became one of the first Sangiovese producers in Napa Valley. My Dad and Aunt got the idea for this super-Tuscan blend after a family trip to Italy. With practice, patience and a lot of empty bottles, a Flora Springs classic was born. My Dad still refers to Poggio del Papa as his "Super Napan" wine. Please take no offense if you're from Tuscany!

Enjoy!

Nat Komes, General Manager

2014 Poggio del Papa

This Super Tuscan-style red wine combines the vibrant, bright cherry flavors of the Sangiovese varietal with the dark purple, wild berry characteristics of Malbec, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 is forward and juicy, with black cherry and plum vying with wild black raspberry for dominance on the palate. Aged in a judicious mix of small oak barrels mixed with larger oak ovals, the wine shows hints of brown spices, vanilla, and cedar, while the fine-grained tannins impart a smooth, polished finish. This is pleasure in a glass, one of our most food-friendly wines, capable of pairing with a variety of meat and vegetable-based pasta dishes as well as meats and hard cheeses.



"...really interesting representation of Sangiovese that takes you to Brunello...but the emergence of the Syrah and Malbec brings you back to California..."
WineWeirdos, December 2016

Price: **\$40** | Shipment: **\$36**
Wine Club Reorder: **\$32**

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER, CONTACT
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2014 Napa Valley Petit Verdot

Petit Verdot is one of the classic red varietals of Bordeaux, valued for its ability to add color, tannin and flavor to traditional red wine blends.

We've planted the variety in our Crossroads Vineyard in Oakville, and often use it to add strength and complexity to our Trilogy red wine. In 2014 we bottled a small amount of Petit Verdot on its own for a wine we offer exclusively to club members and winery visitors. This is a deep purple-colored wine with concentrated flavors of ripe plum, blueberry and blackberry, hints of violet and notes of espresso, tanned leather, and black pepper. Rich and full-bodied with overtones of spicy vanilla from aging in French oak barrels, the wine's supple tannin structure allows for early drinking, though it could easily handle 2-3 years of cellaring.

Petit Verdot is a good match for grilled steak, pork tenderloin, sausages and aged, hard cheeses such as Parmesan or Asiago.



Price: **\$50** | Shipment: **\$45**

Wine Club Reorder: **\$40**

NEXT SHIPMENT - JULY 2017

2014 Three Keys Cabernet Sauvignon
2016 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc



— *upcoming events* —

**JUNE
17**

June 17th

FLORA'S LOVE THE LAND LEGACY DINNER

The Estate

**JUNE
24**

June 24th

NASCAR IN WINE COUNTRY

The Room

**JUNE
24**

June 24th

**FLORA'S FIVE CABS & FIVE CUTS
WINE CLUB DINNER**

The Estate

**JULY
15**

July 15th

GREAT TASTES PICK UP DAY

The Room

**AUG 1st
thru
OCT 31st**

August 1st thru October 31st

HARVEST VINEYARD TOUR & TASTING OPENS

The Estate

**AUG
4**

August 4th

SF GIANTS GAME TAILGATE HAPPY HOUR

The Room

**AUG
5**

August 5th

SF GIANTS WINE CLUB GAME DAY

AT&T Park, San Francisco

*Be sure to check out our blog for stories, updates and club news
from Wine Club Director Kenny Werle.*

