



FLORA SPRINGS
GREAT TASTES



MAY 2018

The Benefits of Membership

Your Great Tastes wine club membership gives you access to wines that Flora Springs makes specifically for you, wines that are not available anywhere else. An example is the 2015 Petit Verdot in your May shipment. Petit Verdot is one of the five red Bordeaux grapes, and it's rarely bottled as a single varietal. My Dad has a small block of Petit Verdot just steps away from his home in Rutherford, and we have another few vines

in Oakville. We use some of the grapes in other wines, including Trilogy, but we also hold back just a little so that you can taste it in its 100% form. This is a lovely wine on its own, but we think you'll appreciate what the varietal brings to a Bordeaux blend like Trilogy – an experience you can only have as a Great Tastes club member. Enjoy!

Nat Komes, General Manager

2015 POGGIO DEL PAPA

The Sangiovese which dominates our Tuscan-style Poggio del Papa is sourced from a vineyard in the southern end of Napa Valley where the cooler microclimate allows the grapes to maintain good structure and acidity. The other varieties in the blend – Syrah and Merlot – are from slightly warmer, mid-valley vineyards. This is a warm, juicy, fruit-forward wine with loads of upfront blueberry, ripe plum and black cherry laced with notes of cedar, spicy brown cardamom and vanilla. Aged primarily in large oak ovals, the wood influence stays in the background, but there is a pleasurable, mouth filling roundness to the palate from its time in the barrel. This is a delicious wine with relatively light tannins, a bright mid-palate and a long-lasting finish. It can easily be paired with vegetarian quiche or risotto as well as grilled meats and roasted or barbecued chicken.



Price: **\$40** | Shipment: **\$36**

Wine Club Reorder: **\$32**

- Varietal:** 75% Sangiovese & 25% Syrah
- Cases Produced:** 355
- Aging:** 16 months in a combination of large oak ovals and small oak barrels
- Enjoyability:** Drink now through 2027 for optimum enjoyment

NEXT SHIPMENT - JULY 2018

2017 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

2014 Three Keys Cabernet Sauvignon

2015 PETIT VERDOT

Petit Verdot is one of the noble red varietals of Bordeaux, valued by winemakers for the deep color, strong tannins and pronounced fruit flavors it adds to traditional red wine blends. We've planted small blocks of the variety in our Oakville and Rutherford vineyards, and often use it to add strength and complexity to our Trilogy red wine. We also bottle a small amount of the late-ripening variety on its own for a wine we offer exclusively to club members and winery visitors. The 2015 vintage yielded an opaque, inky wine with compelling flavors of dark plum, blueberry, and pomegranate and accents of licorice and worn leather. Firmly structured with hints of warm vanilla from aging in French oak barrels, this is a full-bodied wine with notable tannins that will reward aging for several years. This is a food wine one that will pair well with grilled Rib Eye, short ribs, pasta with red sauce and hard cheeses such as Parmesan or Asiago.



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

Wine Club Reorder: **\$40**

- Varietal:** 100% Petit Verdot
- Cases Produced:** 200
- Aging:** 17 months in 100% seasoned French oak barrels
- Enjoyability:** Drink now through 2021 for optimum enjoyment

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ELECT TO SELECT

New Wine Club Member Benefit

Congrats to those that have opted to use the new Flora Springs wine club benefit "Elect to Select". For those that have not yet taken advantage, be on the lookout for an email about 2 weeks prior to your wine club shipment and get the opportunity to "Elect to Select". Also, to find out more about this exciting new benefit, please visit the Flora Springs Blog at florasprings.com.

— *upcoming events* —

**MAY
13**

May 13, 2018

GREAT TASTES PICK-UP DAY

The Room: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Save the date! We hope to see you there.

**JUNE
9**

June 9, 2018

SAN JOSE QUAKES GAME DAY vs. LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB

Wine Club Only

**JUNE
16**

June 16, 2018

FLORA'S FIVE CABS & FIVE CUTS WINE CLUB DINNER

The Estate

**JULY
7**

July 7, 2018

GREAT TASTES APPRECIATION DAY & PICK-UP

The Room: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Save the date! We hope to see you there.

**AUG
26**

August 26, 2018

SF GIANTS GAME DAY vs. TEXAS RANGERS

**SEPT
9**

September 9, 2018

HARVEST PARTY

The Estate

