



WINEMAKER NOTES

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.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation: *Napa Valley*

Varietal: *100% Petit Verdot*

Cases Produced: *200*

Aging: *20 months in 100% French Oak*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$50*

Enjoyability: *Drink now through 2020 for optimum enjoyment*

ON THE VINE

2014 was celebrated by Napa Valley vintners as another vintage for the record books. Heavy winter rains nourished the vines as they emerged from dormancy, and a warm, relatively frost-free spring allowed bud break, flowering and fruit set to proceed without interruption. Continued warm, dry weather throughout the summer brought the grapes to perfect ripeness in a harvest that was relatively early and also bountiful.