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VINEYARDS

NAPA VALLEY



2012 Napa Valley Petit Verdot

A testament to great Napa Valley Petit Verdot, this wine is sourced from three acclaimed winegrowing sites: the legendary Three Palms Vineyard, Monitor Ledge and Cork Tree Vineyards. Each site contributes unique characteristics to create a wine with beautiful color, concentrated aromas of blackberry and eucalyptus and a juicy mouth feel.

2012 Harvest Notes

2012 offered near-perfect growing conditions. Though budbreak was late due to heavy spring rains, warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop. Increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries. This translated into even higher quality in the winery, as the skin-to-juice ratio remained ideal. Slightly cooler-than-average post-veraison weather, and a lack of any heat events allowed for greatly extended hang time. Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than average, and the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition.

Comments from the Winemaker

With its inky color and its dazzling aromas of blackberry, espresso, anise, cinnamon and fresh-cracked walnuts, this is a classically beautiful expression of Petit Verdot. The mouthfeel is both firm and inviting, with a rich, fleshy mid-palate that carries flavors of boysenberry, currant, cocoa and Chinese five-spice to a luxurious finish, punctuated with hints of black licorice and rose petal.

Varietal Content

98% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot

Harvest Information

Harvest Dates: October 8 - 12, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.4° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak château-style barrels (60 gallons)

Barrel Aging: 16 Months

Age of Barrels: 50% New, 50% Second Vintage

Production/Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

Titrateable Acidity: 0.63 g/100ml

pH: 3.54

Bottled: July 2014

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