



2017  
PETIT VERDOT - RUTHERFORD  
HANDMADE

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage started out with a wet spring that extended flowering and stimulated vigorous vines. We had a mild summer with the promise of a beautiful harvest. Then in early fall the first heat wave kicked harvest into full gear, ripening everything almost at once. This allowed the fruit to develop deeper, more concentrated flavors along with low yields. Right behind this heat wave came the wild fires; luckily, we had already brought in 99% of our fruit crop.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

In the heart of the Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate, our Petit Verdot is farmed in the famous “Rutherford Dust” that yields small, yet intense clusters from well-balanced vines. The ideal growing conditions in the vineyard allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green, leafy taste of under-ripe fruit. The grapes were harvested between August 30 - October 15, 2018, under clear skies. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and aged for 21 months in 60% new French, American and Hungarian Oak before going into bottle on June 21, 2019.

TASTING

Bold, powerful and full bodied, our 2017 Petit Verdot opens with aromas of black cherry, red currant, sage and a slight note of toasted oak. The wine enters the palate with a surprisingly soft profile, with dark fruit flavors of plum and blackberry, rounded by notes of dark chocolate, anise and lilac. Though firm in tannin, this wine has a rich, polished finish and will age beautifully for years to come.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	15.1%
COMPOSITION	100% Petit Verdot	TA	5.6 g/L
AGING	21 months in 60% new French, American and Hungarian oak	PH	3.65
PRODUCTION	146 cases	BOTTLING DATE	21, 2019