

FOLEY F SONOMA

2016 ESTATE PETIT VERDOT ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. —The Foley Family

VINTAGE

2016 was a superb vintage in Alexander Valley. Although yields were slightly lower than in 2015, fruit quality was high across all varieties. Veraison set in early and completed by the end of July - beginning of August, and a week of warm temperatures pushed harvest up ahead of schedule. The fruit for this 2016 Petit Verdot was harvested September 1 - October 14, 2016 and entered the crush pad in optimal condition.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

Our estate Petit Verdot vineyards are broken into two different blocks delineated by clone and soil type. The West block is planted to clone 2 on SO4 rootstock and our East block is planted to clone 200 on IO1-14 rootstock. Both blocks benefit from even sun exposure resulting in rich, multi-layered fruit. After harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and racked to French oak barrels (25% new).

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Estate Petit Verdot comes from two blocks on our estate vineyards. With plenty of exposure throughout the day, this hearty varietal showcases dark plum, cassis and ripe blackberry tones. All of the rich fruit is complemented by dark chocolate and toffee. The structure of the wine is rounded out with finely integrated French oak tannins. Drinking well now, try this wine decanted to see how quickly the fruit profile grows.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 95% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging: 24 months in French oak

Alcohol: 16.5%

TA: 5.6 g/L

pH: 3.89

Production: 124 Cases

