



2014
ESTATE PETIT VERDOT
RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE

2014 was a fabulous vintage, giving us wines of both finesse and concentration. Spring and summer were of moderate temperatures. By October, the weather cooled slightly, but remained dry and sunny allowing the vines to reach full maturity prior to the rains. Overall the weather was nearly ideal, with conditions that allowed the grapes to have an exceptional level of acidity without being over ripe. We brought in a bountiful crop of very tasty fruit!

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Foley Johnson Estate Petit Verdot is grown on loamy soils of gravel, clay, and sand which helps provide ample drainage and lessen the vigor of foliage growth. These ideal growing conditions allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green leafy taste of under-ripened fruit. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and was racked throughout the barreling process. After 20 months of aging in French Oak barrels the wine was bottled in July 2016.

TASTING

Our 2014 Petit Verdot comes from estate vineyards in the Rutherford AVA. Ruby in color with violet hues, this Petit Verdot exudes dark fruit aromas of plum, blackberry and dried sage. The palate is layered and smooth with red fruits, clove, anise and a hint of toasted oak. The mouthfeel is structured and elegant accented by velvety tannins that are framed by vanilla flavors from the oak aging.

STATISTICS

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| APPELLATION | Rutherford, Napa Valley | ALCOHOL | 15.2% |
| COMPOSITION | 80% Petit Verdot, 14% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon | TA | 6.5 g/L |
| AGING | 20 months in 30% new French oak | PH | 3.89 |
| PRODUCTION | 145 cases | BOTTLING DATE | July 11, 2016 |