

# FOLEY F SONOMA

## 2017 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

Harvest 2017 was an excellent vintage in the Alexander Valley. A relatively cool ripening season in August was followed by a four-day, 115 degree heat spike, which pushed all fruit that was on the fringes of ripeness well into full maturity. Luckily, grape quality was not compromised, and once the fruit arrived, it was fantastic to work with. Although the heat spike was much maligned at the time, all of our fruit, aside from a single block of Cabernet Franc, was in and processed by the time the fires hit at the beginning of October.

### 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 101-14 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 (42% new).

### TASTING NOTES

With plenty of exposure to morning sun on our estate vineyard, this hearty varietal is able to fully ripen up and display dark plum, red currant and ripe blackberry tones. Ripe fruit takes the driver's seat in this wine. All of the rich fruit is complemented by dark chocolate and toffee, and the structure of the wine is rounded out with finely integrated French oak tannins. Drinking well now, try the wine decanted and see how quickly the fruit profile grows, given a little time and oxygen.

### TECHNICAL DATA

*Appellation:* Alexander Valley

*Composition:* 82% Petit Verdot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc

*Aging:* 23 months in French oak, 42% new

*Alcohol:* 15.5%

*TA:* 6.6 g/L

*pH:* 3.5

*Production:* 146 Cases

