



2021
HANDMADE
PETIT VERDOT - RUTHERFORD

VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season began with very little rain, which set the tone for another drought year in Northern California. The crop was very light with small berries, which were high in flavor concentration and of amazing quality. A warm summer and early fall were ideal for ripening and maturity of the fruit. While a light crop year, the 2021 vintage was a winemakers delight with exceptional fruit quality.

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 September 18, 2021. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and aged for 18 months in 48% new French oak before going into bottle on July 12, 2023.

TASTING

Our 2021 Handmade Petit Verdot is dark and inky in the glass, opening with aromas of dark cherry, sage, violet, caramel, and forest floor. Bold and full on the palate, this wine has layered flavors of red cherry, plum compote, and cedar. The 48% new French oak aging softens the bold tannins and provides lingering notes of creamy vanilla and roasted coffee beans on the finish.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.9%
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate, Block 5	TA	6.4 g/L
COMPOSITION	89% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon	pH	3.58
AGING	18 months in French oak, 48% new	BOTTLING DATE	July 12, 2023
PRODUCTION	292 cases		