

Signature

2002 SIGNATURE — VINA ROBLES

Signature is defined as a “distinctive characteristic that denotes one’s identity”. Our Signature Blend is made from three grape varieties that winemaker Matthias Gubler feels are the ultimate expression of Vina Robles’ terroir. It is a blend of the Bordeaux grape Petit Verdot along with two Rhône varieties Syrah and Petite Sirah. Petit Verdot flourishes in the microclimates of our Huerhuero Vineyard where it produces wines with deep color, rich flavor and good tannic structure. Huerhuero Vineyard Syrah gives us big, aromatic wines with wonderful color and rounded tannins. Petite Sirah performs exceptionally well in our warm climate and gives a wine of substance, color and richness. This unique and complex blend is an elegant yet powerful statement of the best qualities of Vina Robles grown fruit.

Vintage Notes and Wine Production

All the fruit was hand selected and harvested in September and October. Each variety was crushed and fermented separately and then allowed to complete malic fermentation in barrel. After 12 months of aging in French oak, 30% of which was new, the best barrels of each lot were selected. The exact percentage of the blend was determined after comprehensive tasting of each barrel. Once blended, the wine was returned to barrels for a further six months in order to fully integrate the different varieties. Prior to bottling the wine was very gently filtered.

Tasting Notes & Recommendations

Color: Ruby red to purple.

Aroma: Complex and intriguing aromas of violets, blueberries and red plums with notes of oak.

Taste: Plush and velvety on the palate with wonderful texture and seamless balance. Juicy, forward fruit with ripe, sweet tannins. Layers of berry flavors such as blueberries, boysenberries and brambles together with dark plums.

Serve at: 62°-65°F | Drink now through 2008 | Store in a dark dry place at 55°-65°F



Technical Notes

Harvest Date	Brix	Vineyard	Blend
10.09.2002	25.0°	Huerhuero	Petit Verdot, 48%
09.17.2002	25.8°	Huerhuero	Syrah, 33%
10.08.2002	24.8°	Jardine	Petite Sirah, 19%

Aging 18 months in 30% new French oak

Bottling date 03.17.2004

Release date 09.13.2004

Cases produced 240

Alcohol 13.8%

pH 3.63

Total Acidity 6.06 g/l

Residual Sugar 0.48 g/l

“An elegant and complex blend of three classic grape varieties, the signature of Vina Robles”

M. Gubler

Matthias Gubler, Winemaker