Petit Verdot

2014 • HUERHUERO • PASO ROBLES

Petit Verdot is a Bordeaux variety predominantly used for blending due to its dark color and high tannin contributions in the finished wine. Indeed at Vina Robles, a small percentage of this variety typically finds its way into our Cabernet Sauvignon wines for this purpose. However, we have found the variety exhibits richness and balance without the excessive astringency when grown in our estate vineyards. As such, we singled out a small lot offering from our Huerhuero Vineyard to showcase its exceptional qualities as a standalone wine.

The grapes were handpicked in the cool morning hours and sorted in the vineyard. They were gently crushed and then allowed to ferment in small stainless steel tanks. Various extraction techniques were implemented during the progressive stages of fermentation to enhance fruit flavors and balance mouthfeel. The wine was then transferred into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and spent 20 months in French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

COLOR: Dark garnet
AROMA: Black raspberries and dark cherries with hints of dark chocolate and spice
TASTE: Medium to full-bodied; dark fruit and cocoa powder flavors and textures into the finish

Recommendations

Serve at 62° – 65° F
Enjoy now through 2025
Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
Pairing suggestions: Venison Osso Bucco, rib-eye with demi-glace reduction

Technical Notes

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Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker
An exemplary Petit Verdot from Paso Robles