Petit Verdot

2016 • HUERHUERO VINEYARD • 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 violets with hints of mocha and licorice

**TASTE:** Dark and red fruits; full-bodied and ageworthy with a fine chalky texture into the finish

**Technical Notes**

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**AGING:** 20 months in French oak barrels

**BOTTLING DATE:** 06.20.18

**RELEASE DATE:** November 2019

**CASES PRODUCED:** 476

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.91

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.4 g/L

Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker