Petit Verdot

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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 18 months in French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

COLOR: Garnet
AROMA: Cherry rhubarb cobbler with hints of nutmeg and fine tobacco
TASTE: Medium-bodied; cherry flavors with smooth, fine grain tannins and an elegant finish

Recommendations

Serve at 62° – 65° F
Enjoy now through 2022
Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
Pairing suggestions: Venison Osso Buco, rib-eye with demi-glace reduction

Technical Notes

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AGING: 18 months in French oak barrels
BOTTLING DATE: 06.05.13
RELEASE DATE: 12.05.14
CASES PRODUCED: 332
ALCOHOL: 13.7%
pH: 3.81
TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.9 g/L

Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker
An exemplary Petit Verdot from Paso Robles

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