

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Petit Verdot

2008

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| Vintage: | Second |
| Composition: | 100% Petit Verdot |
| Clone: | 400 |
| Appellation: | Napa Valley, Coombsville District |
| Vineyard: | Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981 |
| Block: | 17 |
| Yield: | 3.0 tons per acre |
| Average Vine Age: | 5 years |
| Vintage Summary: | The 2008 vintage was marked by cold conditions during growing season and the lack of rain during harvest season. Our vineyard escaped the pre-bloom frost that plagued the majority of the Napa Valley. Dry conditions marked the bloom including a heat spell that lasted a week which was followed by a fast and uniform berry set. Heat spells marked the early and later parts of the ripening season. Picking times trended early with yields at normal levels. Berry sizes were small but rich in flavor with soft skins. |
| Harvest Date: | November 11, 2008 |
| Fermentation: | 59-gal barrel fermented (100% new French oak) |
| Yeast: | Natural |
| ML: | Vinoflora Oenos |
| Wood Origin: | Troncais, Loiret |
| Ageing: | 20 months in barrel |
| New Oak Barrels: | 100% |
| Fining/Filtering: | None |
| Bottled on: | July 2, 2010 |
| Winemaker's Tasting Notes: | The perfumed nose shows predominantly black raspberry, red currant, and rose petals. A black plum attack leads into a mouth bursting with flavors of black cherry, black olives, and dark chocolate. The sweet vanilla bean big structured tannins give way to a refreshing coffee bean finish. |
| Cellaring: | 7 – 10 years |
| Production: | 44 cases |
| Price: | \$65 / 750ml |

