

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# *Petit Verdot*

2012

Vintage:	Second
Composition:	100% Petit Verdot
Clone:	400
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981
Block:	15
Yield:	2.0 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age:	30 years
Grape varieties:	PV
Rootstock:	5C

#### Vintage Summary:

The 2012 growing season started with an early bud break. Ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. The temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August, averaging 2 weeks earlier than 2011, giving very uniform clusters.

The harvest season started off with ideal moderate temperature through September. The first half of October was warm and the harvest concluded at the end of October and early November with three rain storms.

The wonderful set gave a bountiful yield during harvest. 50-100% tonnage increase over historical averages were seen. The berry sizes were smaller resulting in higher phenolic content while the cluster sizes were larger. The unique combination resulted in higher than normal yields while maintaining very good quality.

Harvest Date:	November 6, 2012
Fermentation:	100% Barrel
Yeast:	Natural
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	100% French (Troncais)
Ageing:	21 months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	14.3%
Bottled on:	July 30, 2014

#### Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

The classic nose is highlighted by blackberry, black currant, blueberry, dark chocolate, soy, tar, with hints of oregano and mint. A black raspberry attack leads an intensely flavored rich mouth of boysenberry, black cherry, plum, black tea, tobacco, and sage; surrounded by well integrated milk chocolate tannins. It finishes clean with a long lasting cherry, red currant aftertaste.

Cellaring:	2 – 8 years
Production:	69 cases
Price:	\$85/750mL

