

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# *Petit Verdot*

2013

Vintage: Sixth  
Composition: 85% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc  
Clone: PV clone 400, CS clone 337, ME Clone 181,  
CF clone 332  
Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District  
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, established 1981  
Block: 17, 18  
Yield: 3.0 Tons per Acre  
Average Vine Age: 10 years  
Grape varieties: PV, CS, ME, CF  
Rootstock: 3309, 101-14

Vintage Summary: The 2013 growing season started like the 2012, with an early bud break. As in the previous year, ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. Outside of a heat spike in late June, the temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August. As with 2012 there were very uniform clusters but the canopies were more balanced in 2013.

The harvest season started off early, with ideal moderate temperature that shrugged off two brief September rains.

The wonderful set and more balanced canopy gave a more “normal” yield during harvest. The berry sizes were smaller and clusters were average. With the ability to pick when we wanted, the resulting phenological ripeness produced excellent quality grapes.

Harvest Date: October 15, 18, 19 & 24, 2013  
Fermentation: 100% New French Oak  
Yeast: Caldwell Native Yeast  
ML: Natural  
Wood Origin: Center of France  
Ageing: French Oak  
New Oak Barrels: 100%  
Fining: None  
Filtering: Filtered  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
Bottled on: March 30, 2015

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: A huge wine with incredible density and palate weight, and tannins you can actually chew. This is Petite Verdot, Caldwell style. It's a warrior of a wine, fit for battle, dinner or fluffing. This vintage has a beautifully perfumed nose with blackberry and rose petals, but the palate is all business with serious Bing cherry, dark chocolate, coffee, vanilla and savory mineral notes. It's surprisingly refreshing for such a big, bad-ass red.

Cellaring: 1 – 7 years (after bottling)  
Production: 85 cases  
Price: \$85/750mL

