



2016  
PETIT VERDOT - RUTHERFORD  
HANDMADE

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage extends a run of exceptional years for Cabernet Sauvignon to five in a row for the Napa Valley. A warm, dry spring and summer led to an earlier than average budbreak and ultimately another early start to harvest. Temperatures remained relatively mild with warmer days that helped bring the grapes to their optimal maturity. Low rainfall this year limited the crop volume once again but led to incredible concentration and quality.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

In the heart of the Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate, our Petit Verdot is farmed in the famous “Rutherford Dust” that yields small, yet intense clusters from well-balanced vines. The ideal growing conditions in the vineyard allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green, leafy taste of under-ripe fruit. The grapes were harvested between September 7 - October 13, 2016, under clear skies. The wine went through 100% malolactic fermentation and aged for 20 months in 20% new French and Hungarian Oak before going into bottle on July 18, 2018.

TASTING

Deep ruby in color, our 2016 Estate Petit Verdot displays aromas of dark cassis and ripe strawberry, accompanied by additional notes of blackberry and vanilla. While intense in color, the mouth feel is surprisingly soft and well balanced with flavors of bright Bing cherry and spice. The finish is long and lingering with notes of minerality. This wine pairs especially well with hearty beef dishes.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.4%
COMPOSITION	90% Petit Verdot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon	TA	4.4 g/L
AGING	20 months in 20% new French and Hungarian Oak	PH	3.84
PRODUCTION	55 Cases	BOTTLING DATE	July 18, 2018