

BLUE ROCK

2019 Best Barrels Petit Verdot Blue Rock Vineyard Estate, Alexander Valley



Vintage Notes

2019's growing season started later than usual for us at Blue Rock. A cool spring and growing season allowed a longer hang time. The wine has a pristine dark red and deep purple tint. The aromas celebrate the dark side of Cabernet as well, featuring ripe black plum, black currant and black cherry heightened by an intriguing note of graphite and subtle touches of black pepper and vanilla. All these elements come to a beautiful crescendo on the palate in perfect harmony and balance, with fine tannins, beautiful acidity and a dash of warm baking spices on the long and satisfying finish.

Winemaker's Notes

Petit Verdot is renowned in France for its dark color, powerful tannins and delicate floral aromas, making it a wonderful blending component in the prized blends of Bordeaux. Here in Alexander Valley, we get all of those attributes with a California twist, allowing us to bottle the very best barrels as an exceptional stand-alone wine. While impressively dark in color, it's more of a deep purple than inky black. Rich scents of plum, vanilla, violets, molasses and black licorice foretell the concentrated, compelling wine that follows. Flavors of dark plum, black cherries and a wonderful sage and dried herb mix round out the palate, all cradled in surprisingly supple tannins, great structure and depth. An altogether fascinating and seductive wine when you are looking for an alternative to Cabernet.

Food Affinities

Petit Verdot simply begs for foods with both weight and a bit of fat. Red meats, heavy cheeses, Barbecue, wild game, and rich stews all come to mind. Winter comfort food and Petit Verdot is the perfect combo!

Ageability

By late 2022, this Petit Verdot should be ready to venture out and join you at your table. If you like to set wines aside and watch them evolve, this is an outstanding candidate and should be all the more impressive with another 5-15 years in the cellar.

Technical Data

98% Petit Verdot
- 02% Cabernet Sauvignon
23 months in French oak
14.6% Alc.
Cases Produced: 98
Bottled: August 2021
Released: July 2022