

BLUE ROCK

2020 Best Barrels Petit Verdot Blue Rock Vineyard, Alexander Valley



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.

The warm and dry vintage of 2020 made ripeness a certainty. Our 2020 Petit Verdot was captured earlier than a typical vintage resulting in a robust wine with impressive tannins, fruit and yet at a lower alcohol. Selecting Best Barrels was no easy feat as the intensity of the fruit and tannins married well with many of our new French Oak barrels.

This 2020 offering is a shining example of the color, structure and unique flavor profile that Petit Verdot can present. Densely fruited on the aroma with notes of violets and cherry liqueur paired with flavors of blackberry, graphite, sage, cedar and mocha make this a striking wine. The tannins are tightly wound and youthful now and will resolve and age gracefully for well over a decade. While impressively dark in color, it's more of a deep purple than inky black. 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 2024, 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
100% Blue Rock Estate
24 months in French oak, 77% new oak
13.8% Alc.
Cases Produced: 98
Bottled: January 2023
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