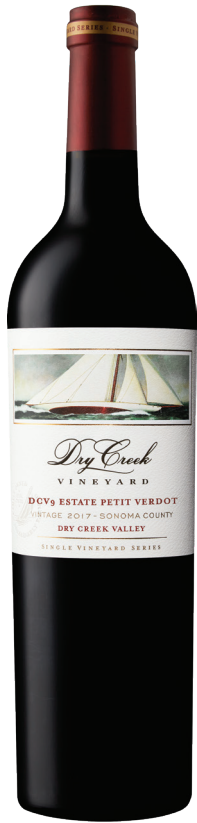


2017 DCV9 ESTATE PETIT VERDOT – DRY CREEK VALLEY



HISTORY

Our estate Petit Verdot is grown in a small, 3.55-acre parcel of our iconic Endeavour Vineyard. We find that this delicious varietal lends structure, fleshy tannins and depth of color as a blending component for our Meritage and The Mariner wines, but is outstanding all on its own as well. In certain vintages, we decide to bottle a small amount of Petit Verdot, exclusively for our wine club members, to more fully express this incredible variety. This limited production wine showcases the nuances of this noble varietal and the *terroir* of our home appellation.

GROWING SEASON

The 2017 growing season started off with record-setting rainfalls that were much appreciated after almost five years of drought. As flowering started, foggy and windy days, as well as unusual heat spikes made for an eclectic mix of conditions. An extreme heat wave at the end of August through the first few days of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of the harvest. At the time of the wildfires in October, nearly all of our lots had already been harvested. Despite the unusual cards that nature dealt, the 2017 vintage shows excellent concentration of flavors and outstanding varietal quality.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This dark and brooding Petit Verdot displays intriguing aromatics of blackberry cobbler, blueberry and espresso. Additional airing reveals sweet and savory notes of allspice, nutmeg and violets, with notes of fine leather. The palate is full-bodied and rich with black currant and plum complimented by nuances of cardamom, dark chocolate and cedar. The wine is perfectly balanced with vibrant acidity, structured tannins and a plush mouthfeel.

RELEASE DATE	April 2020
BLEND	100% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	October 2, 2017
ALCOHOL	14.1%
FERMENTATION	12 days in fermenter; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	20 months in French oak; 38% new oak
BRIX	Average 25.8
PH	3.58
TA	6.2g/L
SOILS	Gravelly loam
VINE AGE	17 years
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre

