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Petit Verdot based blend limited edition - 192 bottles

The Artist

John T. Jones has been living and working on the central coast in San Luis Obispo for the last 30 years. He works in oil painting, wood block printing, wood and bronze sculpture, and most recently also in plywood relief. According to the artist, all these mediums unite an effort to encapsulate the adversity and beauty of our times.

The Design

When you look at a tree you take it for granted and think that it just happened that way but one tree represents many actually, those that come before it and those that will be born from its acorns. My inspiration for the Vina Robles print was for their oak tree to cast a shadow, showing the unique lighting of the central coast.

The Wine

This limited bottling is a unique Bordeaux-style blend of the lesser known grape Petit Verdot (88%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (12%), which both flourish in the Paso Robles terroir. The idea to produce a high percentage Petit Verdot blend originated during fermentation, when the wine showed very intense and rich traits. The Petit Verdot grapes are grown hillside in Block 5 of our Estate Huerhuero Vineyard, where the microclimate and limestone soils produce wines with deep color and intense flavor. The grapes were hand-picked at night and fermented in open top bins. The wine was then aged for 16 months in 100% new French oak.

The Cabernet Sauvignon fruit hails from the Adelaida Springs Ranch, located at 1,700 ft, only 12 miles inland from the Pacific Coast. Situated in the rugged coastal mountains west of Paso Robles, this unique site produces stunning wines due to its rocky limestone soils and western exposure.

The result is a complex wine that delivers dark fruit aromatics and a silky texture.

