



## Signature 2014 + PASO ROBLES

"Signature" is the winemaker's hallmark blend of the vintage that is unconstrained by convention to create a memorable, ageworthy wine of distinction and balance-in other words the signature wine of the vintage. This year's blend is made from Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah-two varieties that frequently find a unique balance in our region. Both varieties are known for their intense color, generous amount of flavor and rich tannins that will continue to develop with proper aging.

Petit Verdot comes from both our Adelaida Springs Ranch and Huerhuero vineyards while Petite Sirah is sourced from our Creston Valley Vineyard. At an elevation of 1,700 feet and just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Adelaida Springs Ranch is a small vineyard planted in rocky calcareous soils, resulting from uplifted ancient sea beds. Huerhuero, in the hilly terrain between the El Pomar and Geneseo Districts, benefits from its calcareous subsoils and the moderating Pacific breezes that blow through the Templeton Gap in the afternoon. Creston Valley Vineyard has picture perfect high terrain southern exposure and shallow soils with noticeable granulated limestone. These vineyards have very limiting soils that produce tiny berries, low yields and intense, concentrated wines with remarkable balance and structure. This vintage reflects the 12th anniversary of this limited-production Estate Cuvée that was aged in selected tight grain French oak barrels for 20 months.

## Lasting Notes

COLOR: Dark garnet

AROMA: Black raspberries, dried blueberries with mocha spice

TASTE: Full-bodied with dark fruit; chewy yet layered tannins that linger into a long creamy finish

## Recommendations

Serve at  $62^{\circ} - 65^{\circ}$  F

Enjoy now through 2030

Store in dark dry place at  $55^{\circ} - 65^{\circ}$  F

Decanting recommended

Pairing suggestions: Short ribs, venison Osso Buco or gorgonzola gnocchi

## Technical Notes

HARVEST DATES BRIX° VINEYARD BLEND Huerhuero

Petit Verdot 56% 09.19.14 - 10.08.14 24.9 Adelaida Springs Ranch Petit Verdot 24%

Petite Sirah Creston Valley 20%

20 months in French oak barrels AGING:

BOTTLING DATE: 06.14.16 RELEASE DATE: 09.04.17

807 (packed in 1,614 six-bottle cases) CASES PRODUCED:

ALCOHOL: 14.1% PH: 3.70 TOTAL ACIDITY: 7.4 g/L