



## Petit Verdot

## 2015 + HUERHUERO VINEYARD + PASO ROBLES

Petit Verdot is a Bordeaux variety predominantly used for blending due to its dark color and high tannin contributions in the finished wine. Indeed at Vina Robles, a small percentage of this variety typically finds its way into our Cabernet Sauvignon wines for this purpose. However, we have found the variety exhibits richness and balance without the excessive astringency when grown in our estate vineyards. As such, we singled out a small lot offering from our Huerhuero Vineyard to showcase its exceptional qualities as a standalone wine.

The grapes were handpicked in the cool morning hours and sorted in the vineyard. They were gently crushed and then allowed to ferment in small stainless steel tanks. Various extraction techniques were implemented during the progressive stages of fermentation to enhance fruit flavors and balance mouthfeel. The wine was then transferred into barrels to complete malolactic fermentation and spent 20 months in French oak barrels.

## Tasting Notes

COLOR: Dark garnet

AROMA: Black raspberries and dark cherries with hints of dark chocolate and spice

TASTE: Medium to full-bodied; dark fruit and cocoa powder flavors and textures into the finish

## Technical Notes

HARVEST DATE BRIX° VINEYARD BLEND

10.12.15 25.4 Huerhuero Petit Verdot 100%

AGING: 20 months in French oak barrels

BOTTLING DATE: 06.06.17
RELEASE DATE: 11.23.18
CASES PRODUCED: 493
ALCOHOL: 14.4%
PH: 3.91
TOTAL ACIDITY: 7.7 g/L

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