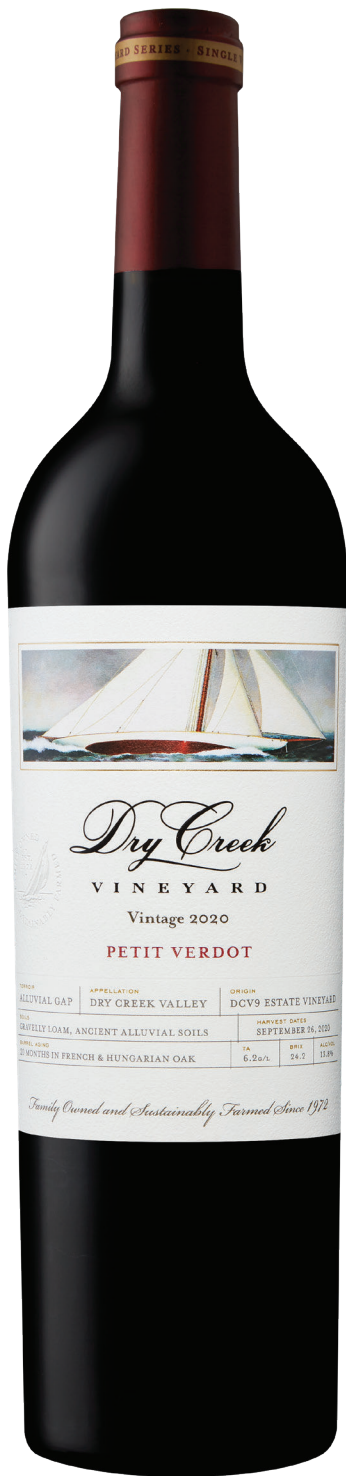




2020 PETIT VERDOT

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Our Petit Verdot is grown in a small, 3.55-acre parcel of our iconic Endeavour Vineyard. Petit Verdot is outstanding as a dominant varietal with its hearty structure, fleshy tannins and intense color, as well as a delicious blending component for our Bordeaux-inspired wines. We are grateful to be able to bottle a small amount of Petit Verdot in our 2020 vintage, specially produced for our wine club members. This limited production wine showcases the nuances of this noble varietal and the *terroir* of our home appellation.

GROWING SEASON

The fall and winter rains of the 2020 season were slightly below average, but spring rains helped to increase the total rainfall. Heat waves in mid-August and the first week of September set off a fast-paced early stretch of harvest. Nature dealt some unexpected cards with the Walbridge Fire in August, in a remote forested area, and the Glass Fire in September, located on the eastern side of Sonoma County. Ever focused on quality, our winemaking team implemented an intensive plan for evaluating grapes prior to harvesting. After detailed analysis of each block within each vineyard, we were proud to produce beautifully structured, complex and delicious wines from the challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This dark and indulgent Petit Verdot displays intriguing aromatics of black currant and blackberry. Additional airing reveals sweet and savory notes of mocha, toffee, cardamom and violet. The palate is full-bodied and rich with black cherry and plum complimented by nuances of fine leather, toasty oak and chocolate truffle. The wine is perfectly balanced with vibrant acidity, chewy tannins and a plush mouthfeel.

BLEND

100% Petit Verdot

FERMENTATION

11 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

20 months in French and Hungarian
oak; 25% new oak

ALCOHOL | 13.8%

BRIX | 24.2

PH | 3.78

TA | 6.2 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 26, 2020

VINE AGE | 20 years

SOILS

Gravelly loam, ancient alluvial soils

YIELDS

Less than 1 ton per acre