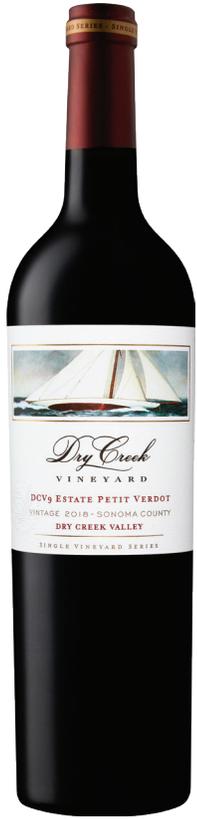


2018 DCV9 ESTATE PETIT VERDOT – DRY CREEK VALLEY



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 Bordeaux-inspired wines, but is outstanding all on its own as well. In certain vintages we 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

Following a long growing season characterized by cooler than normal temperatures throughout the spring and summer, the 2018 harvest started 5–8 days later than the past several years. The milder temperatures afforded the luxury of a longer hang time for the grapes, allowing them to fully mature while retaining a high level of acidity. Overall, the harvest was plentiful with some vineyards producing higher than average quantities. The season ended with the ideal combination of warm days and cooler nights which enabled the high quality of grapes to thrive while developing complexity and nuance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This dark and brooding Petit Verdot displays intriguing aromatics of blackberry, blueberry, plum and cranberry. Additional airing reveals sweet and savory notes of roasted almond, toffee, toasty cedar and black and white pepper. The palate is full-bodied and rich with black currant, blackberry and black cherry complimented by nuances of bay leaf and mocha. The wine is perfectly balanced with vibrant acidity, structured tannins and a plush mouthfeel.

RELEASE DATE	April 2021
BLEND	100% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	October 18, 2018
ALCOHOL	13.8%
FERMENTATION	12 days in fermenters at 82–88°F; pumped over twice daily.
BARREL AGING	20 months in French oak; 35% new oak
BRIX	Average 23.4
PH	3.60
TA	6.4g/L
SOILS	Gravelly loam
VINE AGE	18 years
YIELDS	Less than 1 ton per acre

