

VARIETAL COLLECTION

# *Petit Verdot*

2014

Vintage:	Seventh
Composition:	100% Petit Verdot
Clone:	Petit Verdot Clone 400
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	15
Yield:	2.5 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age:	31 Years
Grape Varieties:	Petit Verdot
Rootstock:	5C

**Vintage Summary:** The 2014 growing season started with an early bud break due to an early spring. As in the previous year, ideal conditions during bloom allowed for an almost perfect set. The temperate conditions continued through veraison in July and August. The August earthquake did not affect the vines or the start of harvest, which began early with ideal moderate temperatures.

The 2014 vintage had very uniform clusters and balanced to light canopies compared to those of 2013 and 2012. The wonderful set gave a more “normal” yield for the early varieties, but the lack of soil moisture affected the canopies of the later varieties such that our yields were lower than planned. Berry and cluster sizes were also small. Due to the early start, we were able to pick out before the late October rains.

Harvest Date:	October 13, 2014
Fermentation:	100% New French Oak
Yeast:	Caldwell Native Yeast
ML:	Natural
Wood Origin:	Central France (Oak)
Aging:	19 Months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	14.7%
Bottling Date:	April 26, 2016

**Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:** A provocative nose highlighting black currant, loganberry, strawberry, beets, iris, and cocoa. A wild blackberry attack leads to a structured mouth of blueberry, plum, raspberry, cranberry, and black tea leaf. Finely structured tannins melt into a long, refreshing bing cherry finish.

Cellaring:	2–7 Years
Production:	99 Cases
Price:	\$85/750mL

