

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Petit Verdot

2018

Vintage:	Eighth??
Composition:	100% Petit Verdot
Clone:	400
Appellation:	Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block:	Caldwell 15 and 17
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age:	33 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	Multiple

Vintage Summary: The 2018 growing season was ideal for almost every varietal, clone, rootstock, and age group of vine. Long, temperate, and devoid of rain and heat spikes during critical phenological ripening steps, Mother Nature provided winemakers and vineyard managers very little stress, while perfectly stressing the fruit. A perfect way to come off the disturbing fire-riddled vintage of 2017, 2018 will go down in history as one of the highest quality and most abundant vintages of all time. Every wine in our lineup has a backbone of structure, power, and verve, but all are strongly defined by varietal purity and elegance.

Harvest Date:	Multiple
Fermentation:	Stainless and French Oak
Yeast:	Multiple
ML:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	18 Months
New Oak Barrels:	100%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	Filtered
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottling Date:	June 25 and July 9, 2020

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2018 Caldwell Varietal Collection Petit Verdot shows a signature core of brambly, blackberry compote and black herbal liqueur notes, surrounded by layers of tar and fresh tobacco. The palate is filled with very pure black fruits, even-keeled fruit weight, and a perfectly smooth tannic backbone that holds to the varietal's high tannin capacity. Ask Mario what he thinks about this wine, he loves it even more than me.

Cellaring:	Now—15 Years
Production:	50 Cases
Price:	\$85/750mL

