

Very Dark Red

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HAMES VALLEY

2015

Hames Valley is one of the most perfect places on earth to grow top-quality Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah. It is situated just north of the San Luis Obispo county line and lies at the foot of the Santa Lucia Range in a Region IV growing climate with just the right number of sunshine hours to achieve optimal flavor development. The soils of our estate Hames Valley Vineyard are Lockwood shaly loam, with fragments of broken rock that create fracture lines for the vine roots to penetrate deeply. The climate of Hames Valley is uniquely characterized by a very wide diurnal range with a day-to-night temperature variation of up to 50°F. The long, warm days are a must for top-notch Petit-Petite, while the low nighttime temperatures preserve firm structure and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKING

After night harvesting the grapes in Hames Valley, they are brought to the winery, destemmed, crushed and fermented at about 80°F. Daily pump overs are performed to extract optimal flavor and color, then at dryness, the must is pressed, settled, and racked clean for aging on American and Hungarian oak. To retain varietal character, each lot is fermented and aged separately prior to blending.

TASTING NOTES

Very Dark Red. The name frankly speaks for itself. Petit Verdot is a grape of dark color, stout tannins and concentrated flavors. The small berries of Petite Sirah provide a more intense maceration of skin-to-juice ratio and some of the longest tannins of any vinifera. Together they create a dark, intense wine that can be enjoyed now but will age well for a decade or more. VDR is full-bodied yet supple, with deep, ripe fruit flavors of black currant and black raspberry perfumed by delicate notes of crushed violet. A firm, chalky tannin structure belies the velvety, luscious mouthfeel. Dense flavors integrate beautifully for a long, layered finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Grilled meats, short ribs, wild game, rich stews, savory Italian dishes, rib-eye and smoked cheeses.



APPELLATION
Hames Valley

VINEYARD
Hames Valley Vineyard

HARVEST DATES
October 3 - October 9, 2015

COMPOSITION
60% Petit Verdot, 40% Petite Sirah

COOPERAGE
American and Hungarian oak for 12 months

ALCOHOL
14.0%

pH
3.73

TA
6.3 g/L

BOTTLING DATE
July 11, 2017

CASES
2000

VDR



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