



# McKenzie-Mueller

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

## 2018 Petit Verdot

**Vineyard:** Robert Mueller Vineyard; Los Carneros

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Winemaker:** Robert A. Mueller

**Harvest Date:** Hand harvested on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Bottling Date:** August 12th, 2021

**Production:** 152 Cases

**Blend:** 99% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Filtration:** None

**Cooperage:** 100% French Oak; new, used and neutral



***100% Estate Grown, Produced, and Bottled***

### **Notes from Harvest:**

February saw abundant rains. Bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer was virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild temperatures followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Aromas of ripe cherries, watermelon, cranberry and under currents of pencil shavings. It has a mix of fresh ripe berries on the palate with elegant tannins and a soft lingering finish. This medium-bodied wine has perfect balance between its flavor profile, tannin structure and natural acidity. Drink now or over the next 15 years.

### **Suggested Food Pairings:**

Jalapeño Poppers ~ Al Pastor Tacos ~ Grilled Flank Steak