



**2019
PETIT VERDOT
NAPA VALLEY**

There's nothing quite like standing in Stagecoach[®], one of the most beautiful spots in Napa Valley. The extraordinary vineyard actually is high up on Pritchard Hill, within and adjacent to the Atlas Peak AVA. The large property sits at an elevation between 900 and 1700 feet and is divided into many individual vineyard blocks, which are influenced by a number of different microclimates. Petit Verdot grown in Block Three is one of Stagecoach Vineyard's[®] rarest plantings: a variety normally blended with Cabernet Sauvignon for its deep color and firm tannins. As a PV365 standalone bottling, we couldn't be happier with this complex and ageworthy "PV."

GROWING SEASON

At its outset, 2019 in Napa Valley was all about the rainy weather—large amounts of it that kept soils moist on the Valley floor, though Stagecoach's[®] elevated and well-drained terrain made the wet weather less of a factor in the following weeks and months. Comparing it to the lush, ripe fruit from the 2018 harvest, our winemaker, Patrick Saboe, describes '19 as "a much more balanced vintage. It had wines that were much lower in quantity, but I think the quality was very high." He goes on to credit the growing season's near-perfect conditions, with warm days, cool nights, and no heat spikes throughout. In a word, he refers to 2019 as a "gentle" harvest.

WINEMAKING

PV365's Petit Verdot was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard[®] in the final days of October 2019. Once picked, the grapes saw a four-day cold soak. A 10-day primary fermentation came next, followed by 12 days of extended maceration for color and tannin extraction. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The '19 Petit Verdot was aged for 22 months in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Grapes grown at Stagecoach Vineyard[®], a Napa Valley site known to produce wines of great power and complexity, never fail to deliver. The near-ideal growing conditions of 2019 have resulted in a very unique red wine for the PV365 portfolio. Aromas of lavender, dried plums, and spice combine in the glass, along with an intriguing note of toast from the time in barrel. The palate is dense and complex, with primary flavors of dried cherry, dark fruit, and hazelnut. This Petit Verdot is a mouth-filling red wine, inky in color and framed by firm, angular tannins that promise years of cellar-worthiness.

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2019 Petit Verdot

VINEYARD: Stagecoach[®]

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: 10/29/19

BRIX @ HARVEST: 23.1 °

AGING: 22 months in French oak barrels

BLEND: 95% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

PH: 3.85

TA: 5.9 g/L

ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Lavender, dried plums, and spice

FLAVORS: Dark fruits, hazelnut, and dried cherries

PROFILE: This full-bodied Petit Verdot boasts a complex palate of dense, dark fruit flavors, and big, firm tannins.
