

# Vintage Notes

# PETIT VERDOT 2009

Petit Verdot is a finicky little grape packed with a lot of power, and is developing a devoted following. As usual it was the last to ripen during the 2009 harvest. As a blending element Petit Verdot contributes a beautiful deep color and black fruit flavor to our Lake William blend. The 2009 crop was bottled 100% varietal providing you a unique tasting experience of a varietal not commonly seen unblended.

This Petit Verdot has a rich eggplant color. Aging it for twenty-four months in new French oak contributes to its smooth and long finish. This wine has been cave aged and was released when our winemaker felt it was ready for full enjoyment. Best to consume within ten years.

The grapes for all Jarvis wines are grown in our own hillside vineyards which were originally planted in 1985. The vineyards are 1,000 feet above Napa Valley four miles east of the city of Napa. The cool mountain growing region affords moderate temperatures for optimum ripening of grapes.

### **GRAPES**:

100% Jarvis Estate

#### HARVEST DATE:

October 22, 2009

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% Petit Verdot

#### **BARREL AGING:**

24 months 100% New French Haute Futaie oak

## **CAVE TEMPERATURE:**

61° F



## FINING & FILTRATION:

Unfined & unfiltered

## **MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:**

100%

## **TECHNICAL DATA:**

Alcohol: 13.4% Total Acid: 5.8 g/liter pH: 3.86

## **PRODUCTION:**

198 cases

#### **RECOMMENDED CELLARING:**

Up to 10 years

