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Petit Verdot 2008

Petit Verdot is a finicky little grape packed with a lot of power, but is developing a devoted following. As usual, it was the last to ripen during the 2008 harvest. As a blending element Petit Verdot contributes a beatiful deep color and black fruit flavor to our Lake William blend. The 2008 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 on the estate. The vineyards are 1,000 feet above Napa Valley in the Vaca Mountains just four miles east of the city of Napa. The cool mountain growing region provides moderate temperatures that are

Grapes:

100% Jarvis Estate

Harvest:

2 October 2008, 24.1Brix

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 - 13.8%

Total Acid - 6.1 g/liter

pH - 3.94

Production:

87 cases

* Beverage Testing Institute
GOLD MEDAL
94 points

Dark purple black color. Rich aromas of huckleberries, mulberries and dried currants with a supple, dry-yet-fruity medium-full body and a polished raisin, plum pit, cedar, and mineral finish. Rather like a reserved claret style zinfandel. (Tasted on Feb. 27, 2012)