



THE STEVEN KENT WINERY

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BDX COLLECTION

2013 PETIT VERDOT | LIVERMORE VALLEY

HARVEST NOTES

2013 was as ideal a year to farm wine grapes as I have seen in the Livermore Valley in nearly 20 years. Clement weather throughout the year and no precipitation in August and October produced one the highest yields California has ever seen. More importantly, the quality of fruit was uniform and extraordinarily high. The lack of rainfall (only 4.50 inches compared to 14.66 in 2012) did have its negative consequences, however. Lowering water tables caused an increased concentration of dissolved minerals that raised soil pH levels and led to the early senescence of canopy and the concomitant lowering of fruit ripeness levels in certain blocks.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This offering marks our seventh varietal Petit Verdot release. Though mostly seen as a blender, made well – the interplay of tannin, sauvage fruit notes, and violet perfume make for a stunning varietal wine. In the Livermore Valley, Petit Verdot has found a very hospitable climate: enough warmth to gain full maturity, and the balancing cool evenings that lead to acid retention and balance. The 2013 Petit Verdot is best served with 18-24 months of bottle age before drinking.

TASTING NOTES

Always somewhat reductive and earthy in the fermenter, Petit Verdot - like this offering - carries a level of seriousness and inscrutability in its aromatic profile. In the nose this wine shows the characteristic notes of plummy, and rich fruit, lavender, and graphite. But like Syrah, cataloguing the myriad notes of PV's aromatic signature is much less important than getting an overall sense of the great breadth and density of its fruit. In the mouth chalky tannins and the wine's youthful texture are obvious in the mid-palate; the dark fruit notes and the abundant tannic structure extend through an abundantly acid-defined finish. Unlike 2010 and 2011, this offering shows the warmth of the early growing season and the perfect ripening conditions at the time of harvest. Overall, the effect of the entry structure, mid-palate richness, and finishing acidity and length is quite stunning.

VINEYARD SOURCE(S)

100% Petit Verdot from Ghielmetti Estate Vineyard which sits on the eastern end of the 7-mile axis of world-class quality cutting through the heart of Livermore Valley wine country.

HARVEST DATA

October 18, 2013 | pH 3.60 | TA .65 | Alcohol 14.3%

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5-7 days, individual fermenters inoculated with the D254 and D-21 yeast strains. Extended maceration of 14 days followed primary fermentation.

COOPERAGE

Aged for 20 months in 50% new French and American oak barrels. Primary cooperages were Le Grand, Taransaud, François Frères, and Radoux.

CASES PRODUCED

294 cases

RELEASE DATE

December 2, 2015

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