



MIDNIGHT CELLARS

2018

PETIT VERDOT "SYNNOVE"

PASO ROBLES CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

Petit Verdot is most commonly known as a Bordeaux blender used primarily for color, tannin, and its earthy components. When we have enough left over from our reserve blends, we traditionally bottle it as 100% varietal and only release it to VIP customers of the winery and Wine Club members! The color is an extracted garnet color and leads into an explosive nose with aromas of ripe dark fruit, minerals, blackberry and boysenberry. The mouth-feel is full with rustic flavors of black fruit, earth, leather, dried creek bed and spice. The finish is impossibly long and exotic flavors of stone fruit, earth and tannin, a finish that tapers into clay and dried plum.

WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Petit Verdot
COOPERAGE	100% French oak, 22% new French Oak
BARREL AGING	30 Months
pH /TA	3.45/0.68
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.05%
ABV	14.2%
PRODUCTION	130cases

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. The rain came late, delaying the onset of budbreak and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. Temperatures moderated before picking began and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, producing fruit with intense flavors and balanced acidity.



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