



2011 PETIT VERDOT
CENTRAL PARK WEST VINEYARD
ST. HELENA
NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD INFORMATION

The grapes for the 2011 Petit Verdot come from a choice 3-acre block of our Central Park West Vineyard. This vineyard, named in a nostalgic nod to the New York City origins of the Trinchero family, is located at the southern end of the St. Helena appellation. This vineyard is a level site with deep, loamy soils, good sun exposure and excellent air circulation – the ideal situation for producing classic Napa Valley Bordeaux varietals. Although Petit Verdot is typically used as a blender, the soil of this sunny valley floor site yields a Petit Verdot with balanced tannins and complex flavors.

2011 GROWING SEASON

The 2011 growing season began with a wet cool spring. Rainfall lasted into the middle of June affecting bloom and diminishing yields in many vineyards. The cool weather trend continued all summer delaying ripening throughout Napa Valley. Since we are estate, we diligently monitor all our vineyards, adjusting our viticultural practices frequently. It was necessary to significantly open up the vine canopies to ensure adequate sun exposure, air circulation and ripening. Overall flavors in the grapes were achieved at lower sugar levels making lower alcohol wines that exhibit finesse and balance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

"Petit Verdot is most often used in blends, but I really enjoy making (and drinking) this wine on its own. This wine has a concentrated purple color, beautiful floral aromas reminiscent of lavender, rose and chamomile, and layered black fruit and cassis flavors. Its velvety texture and round mid-palate reminds me a of a blackberry cobbler with vanilla ice cream. As 100% Petit Verdot you really get a sense of the character of this varietal and, thanks to its valley floor origins, you can taste the power, but the tannins are tamed." - Mario Monticelli

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES: October 10-12, 2011

COOPERAGE: 18 months, 100% French oak (70% new)

RELEASE DATE: January 2014

ALC: 14.0 | PH: 3.95 | TA: 5.4 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 445

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50

Wines bearing the Trinchero Napa Valley label are luxury class, single-vineyard, wines from our Napa Valley estates. Each is carefully handcrafted and produced in limited quantities. We source our grapes from more than 100 acres of estate vineyards in prime Napa Valley appellations, including St. Helena, Mount Veeder, Rutherford and Atlas Peak. The Trinchero family has been making wine in the Napa Valley since 1948, and Trinchero Napa Valley serves to honor the legacy of founder Mario Trinchero.

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