



Elizabeth Spencer
RUTHERFORD 1872

PETIT VERDOT
CALISTOGA
VINTAGE 2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The fruit for our Calistoga Petit Verdot came from the Haymaker Vineyard located on the backside of Howell Mountain in Calistoga.

WINEMAKING

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

TASTING NOTES

Savor the enticing aromas of roasted coffee, flint, and cured meats, mingling with dried black currant, blackberry, ripe pomegranate, and a hint of savory dill. The palate is wrapped in rustic, bold tannins, delivering a long finish with notes of powdered cocoa, Szechuan pepper, and a touch of graphite. This wine offers a bold and captivating sensory experience.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Calistoga

PH: 3.78

ALC %: 14.5

TA: 6.84

BARREL AGING: 10% New Oak

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