

CASTORO CELLARS



2023 PETIT VERDOT

ESTATE GROWN
PASO ROBLES

Petit Verdot translates close to “little green one” and this is most likely because this grape is a late-ripening, warm climate variety. Much of our Petit Verdot is grown on a hilltop on the eastside of Paso Robles where it gets plenty of sunshine during the day coupled with cool evenings. Petit Verdot is one of the varieties used in Bordeaux for blending because of its rich color, tannins, and boldness, but it’s also terrific on its own.

HARVEST NOTES:

Harvest 2023 caught us all by surprise. Most growers, including us, received early crop estimates that projected a small harvest like 2022. That news prompted Bimmer and I to camp in our vineyards and do long walks amongst the vines. My depression was soon relieved! The clusters were large with nice juicy berries. We had a cool and late spring, so the vines took more time to ripen due to an extended bud break followed by a mild summer. Without any heat waves and plenty of water in the soil from the wonderful 40 inches of rain the canopies and clusters grew and grew. The long hang time in cooler weather allowed the grapes to produce dark and rich colors along with beautiful tannins in the red wines. Even though it took a long time ripen, the grape sugars were exactly where we wanted them. - Niels and Bimmer Udsen, Founders

WINEMAKER NOTES:

The challenge here is to make it compelling on its own, which is why we only produce this wine in exceptional vintages! So, by design we did not extend the fermentation of this Petit Verdot on skins and seeds to the point that astringency is out of balance. Additional softening occurred after 14 months in barrel. Still, the structure of this wine is enough to work with moderate to rich foods.

- Castoro Cellars Winemaking Team

TASTING NOTES:

Appearance: Garnet red

Aroma: Rich notes of coffee and chocolate

Palate: Black cherry, roasted coffee and tobacco with bold tannins and structure

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Varietal: 100% Petit Verdot

Vineyard Sources: Blind Faith Vineyard

AVA: Paso Robles

Harvest Date: Late Oct & Early Nov 2023

Bottling Date: September 17, 2025

Harvest Sugar: 24.9° brix

Oak: French for 14 months

pH: 3.8

Alcohol: 13.4%

