



## 2014 PETIT VERDOT

### 100% Petit Verdot

**Vineyard Notes:** Grown on one single acre of our 18-acre estate mountain vineyard at 2,200 feet elevation in rocky red volcanic soil. The vineyard is CCOF Organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified. On the ranch we pursue a true biodynamic “closed system,” where biodynamic preparations are sourced primarily from our property. A picturesque aspect of this is our Scottish Highland cattle, which play an important role.

The 2014 vintage began with a slightly early bud-break, marked by mild, even temperatures. Spring at 2,200 feet elevation was virtually frost-free. Summer heat is the norm for our mountain vineyard and this year was no exception. Heat spikes gave us a string of days of up to 110 degrees, tempered by cooling coastal breezes in the evenings, providing the perfect growing season. Harvest was September 17<sup>th</sup>. Three tons per acre.

**Winemaker’s Notes:** Hand crafted in an old-world style. We use minimal intervention in the cellar in order to bring the highest expression of our Lake County Red Hills vineyard’s terroir to every glass. Alcohol: 13.8%; pH 3.55; Cooperage: Aged 21 months in 100% French oak; Production: 142 cases

**Tasting Notes:** This vintage seems to have been custom-made for crafting Petit Verdot of perfection. The mild spring and hot summer followed by extended hang time brought subtlety and balance to this elegant wine. Nearly oxblood in color, aromas of ripe blackberry and nutmeg give way to nuanced flavor profile. Notes of deep, dark chocolate, raspberry and spice give way to rich, velvety tannins.



#### Accolades

- 94 Points *Wine Enthusiast* “Editor’s Choice”
- 92 Points, Gold Medal *Los Angeles Int’l Wine Competition*
- 91 Points, Gold Medal *Great American Int’l Wine Competition*
- Double Gold *International Women’s Wine Competition*
- Double Gold *Jerry D. Mead’s New World Int’l Wine Competition*
- Gold Medal *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*

