

Winemakers Notes: 2009 Petit Verdot Livermore Valley

Description: Dark and inky in color is your first warning that you are about to enjoy a bold, flavorful and intense wine. Bold berry fruit on the nose that carries to the palate. Structured and well balanced tannins on the mouthfeel. Evolving fruit on the mid-palate and a long lingering finish. This Petit Verdot pairs nicely with Smoked Gouda cheese or a well seasoned steak!

Varietals: 100% Smith Ranch Petit Verdot

<u>Vineyard</u>: The Smith Ranch vineyard is located on the western side of Livermore located on Wetmore Road. Smith Ranch is owned, and maintained, by Wente. The vineyard is fairly flat and uses VSP trellis. Yields are around 3-3.5 ton per acre. This Petit Verdot vineyard produces some of the best formed, prettiest grapes received by Cuda Ridge.

Awards: Gold Medal, 2012 Tri Valley Conservancy "Uncorked" Wine Competition

Bronze Medal, 2012 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

85 Points, Wine Enthusiast

Cases Produced: 131

Harvested: October 29, 2009

BRIX: 25.8

Barrel Treatment: Barrel aged for 18 months in 66% new American Oak.

Vital Statistics:

Al 15.8% Alcohol by Volume

TA .60 pH 3.78

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