

Winemakers Notes: 2011 Petit Verdot Livermore Valley

Description: Dark and inky in color with dark fruit on the nose. Huge in mouthfeel as you would expect with balanced tannins. The Cuda Ridge 2011 Petit Verdot is fruit forward, similar to the Cuda Ridge 2009 Petit Verdot with blueberry, black currant, and plum.

"Cuda continues to make a name for Livermore Valley Petit Verdot as a standalone wine" *Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast*

"Larry Dino makes perhaps the best Petit Verdot that I have had in California. Really balanced, yummy stuff"

Jim Denham, The Wine Steward

<u>Varietals:</u> 100% Smith Ranch Petit Verdot

Awards: Silver Medal- SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Projected Cases Produced: 200 Bottle Date: May 17, 2013 Target Release Date: June, 2013

Barrel Treatment:

Barrel Aged for 16 months so far, will be a total of 18 months when bottled in May, 2013. This is a <u>composite</u> blend of the 8 barrels, mostly American oak (7 of 8 are American). 25% is in New American Oak (Minnesota and Virginia), 50% in Once Used American Oak and the remaining 25% in neutral oak.

Vital Statistics:

Al 14.2% TA .69 pH 3.77

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