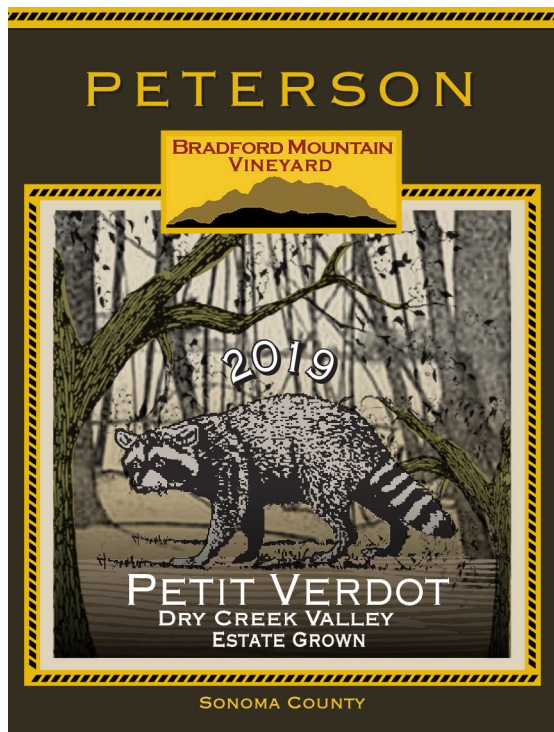


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2019 PETIT VERDOT Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County



Technical Data

Composition: 100% Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard

<i>Varietal Breakdown</i>	<i>Harvest Dates</i>
75% Petit Verdot	Oct. 2
17% Cabernet Sauvignon	Oct. 15
8% Malbec	Oct. 15

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol:	14.2%
pH:	3.55
TA:	0.62g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	25 months
Cooperage:	33% new French oak barrels, 67% 3-6-year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	Dec. 12, 2021 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Natural cork - Amorim ND Tech - individually scanned & TCA free
Production:	132 cases 750ml; 12 cases 1.5L Magnums
Release Date:	April 2024

Fred Peterson's Vintaged Views

In 1983, when we began planting the Bradford Mountain Vineyard, I sourced Merlot and Cabernet Franc budwood from Newton Vineyard in the Napa Valley. John Kongsgaard, the winemaker/manager of Newton Vineyard, is a friend and former classmate of mine from UC Davis. When I arrived at the vineyard to make the cuttings, John mentioned that I might be interested in taking some Petit Verdot cuttings. He felt that it was an important component of their Bordeaux blends and might do well on Bradford Mountain. I cut enough Petit Verdot budwood to graft half of an acre of the rootstock we had planted in the spring.

I subsequently learned that this Petit Verdot selection could be traced back to the Jackson Field Station in the Sierra Nevada foothills. This demonstration vineyard was planted in the 1880's by Henry Hilgaard, the founder and first professor of the Department of Viticulture and Enology, University of California.

While always an important part of our Cabernet Sauvignon and Agraria blends, we never thought it would be bottled as a varietal wine. In 2010, Jamie put together a blend that showcased the *sauvage* qualities of both the variety and the Bradford Mountain *terroir*. The 2019 vintage was another vintage with the perfect growing season to fully ripen Petit Verdot, providing all of the classic characteristics.

Tasting Notes

An easy sipping wine isn't the first thing that comes to mind when you open a Petit Verdot, but once you try this one, you might change your mind. Rich, enticing aromatics of vine-ripened brambly blackberry mingle with cedar spices and oak notes. A fresh, vibrant entry offers focused flavors of mulberry, boysenberry and black cherry woven with hints of sage, violet and black licorice. A solid structure seamlessly supports this intense, delicious wine even as it lingers on the palate. If opened before 2025, give the wine some breathing space to allow its beauty to shine through.

Best to pair with heartier fare like a chateaubriand drizzled with a rich brown reduction sauce and a side of béarnaise, or grilled wild boar tenderloin with served cavatelli with Gorgonzola and cherry tomatoes.