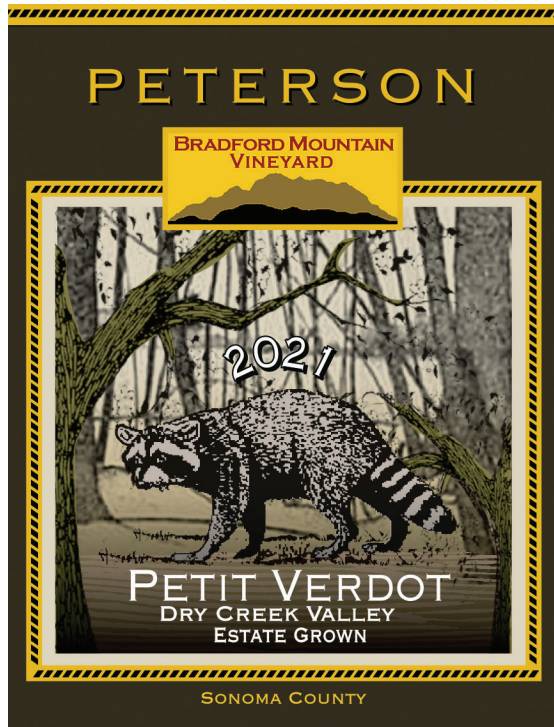


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## 2021 PETIT VERDOT

Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard  
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County



### Technical Data

**Composition:** 100% Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard

#### Varietal Breakdown

93% Petit Verdot  
7% Merlot

#### Harvest Dates

Sept. 28  
Sept. 10

**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County  
**Alcohol:** 14.7%  
**pH:** 3.43  
**TA:** 0.66g/100ml  
**Barrel Aging:** 25 months  
**Cooperage:** 33% new French oak barrels,  
67% 3-6-year-old French oak barrels  
**Bottling Date:** Dec. 6, 2023 (unfined & unfiltered)  
**Closure Type:** Natural cork - Amorim NDTech -  
individually scanned & TCA free  
**Production:** 75 cases | 750ml  
**Release Date:** September 2025

### 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

Intriguing aromas of brambly blackberry mingle with hints of toasty oak, black pepper and chapparal. The velvety entry quickly adds a focused baking-spice essence that wraps around flavors of dried red currant, pomegranate, bright early-pick cherry and just a trace of cranberry. Blackberry and another spice layer appear near the finish, along with the integrating tannins and oak, adding depth, complexity and an element of finesse to the wine.

This Petit Verdot has the strength to pair with a classic steak au poivre served with pommes frites, or venison backstrap with blackberry sauce.