

# JUSTIN *Production Notes*



*A rare solo appearance  
by a classic Bordeaux  
blending varietal*

**Appellation:** Paso Robles

**Composition:**

95% Petit Verdot

5% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Bottling Data:**

pH: 3.85

Total Acidity: 0.61 g/100ml

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

**Bottling Period:** March 23, 2011

## 2009 PETIT VERDOT

### *Philosophy*

More often seen in a supporting role, Petit Verdot is used in small percentages in many classic, blended wines from the Bordeaux region of France to add color, depth of flavor, and subtle floral highlights. All of these attributes show up in our 2009 Petit Verdot, creating a great opportunity to see this obscure varietal starring in a leading role. We only bottle a small amount of this wine, which often plays a part in our ISOSCELES Reserve and even in ISOSCELES, as it did in the 2008 vintage.

### *Vintage Summary*

The 2009 growing season began with an early bud break due to the extremely warm spring temperatures at the beginning of March. An early April frost affected parts of Paso Robles, but our vineyards were relatively unaffected due to their hillside locations. Consistently warm summer weather segued into a moderate, early fall with some extensive rain, but our resilient vines shrugged off the water and retained great fruit concentration and flavor. Balanced weather through the rest of the fall allowed us to pick on flavor profiles without any concerns about excessive heat or cooler temperatures. As a result, our red wine sources and home vineyard from this vintage have shown incredible density and power of varietal expression, and the style of the 2009 vintage is flashy and intense.

### *Harvest Notes*

**Harvest Period:** September 6 – October 8, 2009

**Average Brix at Harvest:** 26.8°

### **Vinification:**

**Fermentation:** Open top fermentation vessels for 17 days using UV -43 yeast. Pumpover / Delestage twice daily

**Maturation:** 18 months in all French Oak Barriques – 53% new

### *Tasting Notes*

**Appearance:** Dense ruby purple, bright violet rim with intensely stained tears

**Aroma:** Ripe black cherry, blackberry and blueberry, supported by cracked pepper, chocolate, and leather softened with spicy vanilla and floral notes.

**Palate:** Intense flavors of cherry, brambly black berry fruit, pepper, tobacco and pencil shavings balanced with equally firm, long lasting tannins. The finish is long with fruit and spice elements vying for your attention along the way.



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