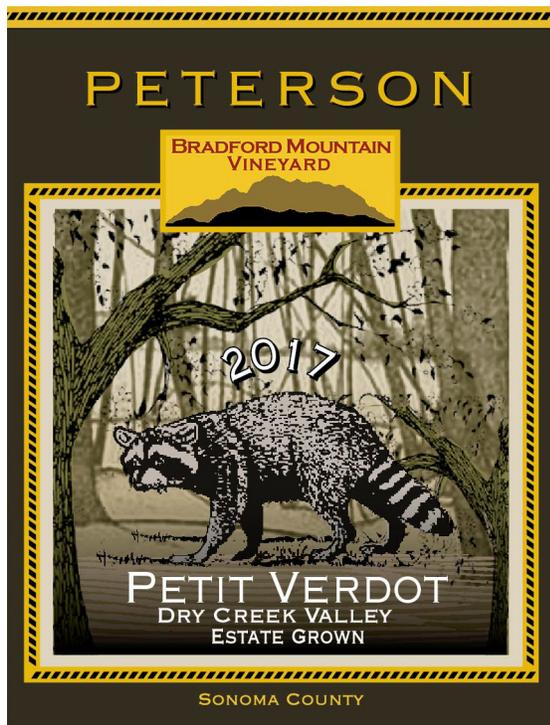


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2017 PETIT VERDOT Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County



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 savage qualities of both the variety and the Bradford Mountain terroir. The 2017 vintage was another vintage with the perfect growing season to fully ripen Petit Verdot, providing all of the classic characteristics.

Technical Data

Composition: 100% Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard

<u>Varietal Breakdown</u>	<u>Harvest Dates</u>
92% Petit Verdot	Sept. 27
8% Cabernet Sauvignon	Sept. 22

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.61
TA:	0.66g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	27 months
Cooperage:	67% new French oak barrels, 33% 2-year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	Jan. 15, 2020 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Natural cork - Amorim NDTech - individually scanned & TCA free
Production:	70 cases 750ml bottles
Release Date:	November 2021

Tasting Notes

Intense, yet so lovely—this wine starts with the layered aromas of brambly dark berries, tobacco, cocoa and hints of fine herbs and minerality. The silken entry showcases deep, luscious blackberry, dark cherry, Valrhona chocolate and cigar box. Integrating acidity appears mid-palate to buoy the flavors, adding brightness and finesse. A focused mineral essence appears and merges into the lingering, full-flavored finish.

Savor with skirt steak saltimbocca accompanied by broasted red potatoes, or panko-crusted pork chops with fresh herbs served over a bed of basmati rice pilaf.