



Jeff Runquist
WINES



2023 Petit Verdot

Creekside Vineyard, Jahant District, Lodi

SPECS

VARIETALS: 100% Petit Verdot

ACIDITY: 0.69 g/100ml TA, 3.58 pH

AGING: 56% French Oak, 31% American Oak, 13% Neutral

ALCOHOL: 13.9% by vol.

RELEASED: September 1, 2025

CASE PRODUCED: 1,116

AWARDS

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

At 2026 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Petit Verdot from Creekside Vineyard in the Jahant District of Lodi has a deep, inky purple-black color with vibrant youthful hues. Aromas of pomegranate, cassis, and smoky blackberry are layered with notes of violets and floral perfume. Barrel aging adds hints of buttered toast and dark chocolate. The palate is full-bodied, offering savory flavors of mulberry, black cherry, and cassis framed by rich, well-integrated tannins. The finish is long and balanced, with lingering notes of toasted oak, mineral, and chalk dust.

ABOUT THE WINE

Petit Verdot is one of the five classic Bordeaux varieties, valued for its deep color, firm structure, and distinctive violet aromas. While it often struggles to ripen fully in Bordeaux's cool climate, it thrives in the warm sunshine of California. Creekside Vineyard in Lodi's Jahant District consistently produces Petit Verdot with exceptional concentration, ripe black fruit, and polished tannins. Rather than using it as a blending grape, we showcase it as a single varietal that highlights its richness, complexity, and the signature Runquist House Style.