

# 2020 Caldeira Petit Verdot Coombsville, Napa Valley, California



## **The Wine:**

This micro production Petit Verdot was created from a three-barrel selection made by Marc Gagnon and blended by Brendan Quigley. The wine is sourced entirely from the Caldwell Estate Vineyard in Coombsville, Napa Valley. The blend is 90% Petit Verdot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The wine was aged for 18 months in 66% new French oak. There were 66 cases made, approximately 800 bottles.

## **The Estate:**

Caldeira is the French term for a crater formed by the eruption and subsequent collapse of the mouth of a volcano. The Coombsville AVA in Napa Valley owes much of its unique terroir to this geologic event. Caldeira wines represent the partnership between Caldwell Vineyards and Quigley Fine Wines to showcase small production wines from the unique terroir of Coombsville. Caldwell Vineyard, the source of the fruit for this wine, is planted with specific clones that thrive in this area of Napa Valley. John Caldwell, the owner of Caldwell Vineyards is famous in the Napa Valley wine world, known as “The Smuggler” because of his legendary efforts to bring back rare and sought-after clones from Bordeaux to be planted in Napa. His winery and vineyards are truly iconic pieces of Napa Valley history.

## **Tasting Notes:**

**Color:** Dark purple, nearly black

**Aromas:** Ripe black plums, Violets, black cherries and hints of vanilla bean.

**Flavors and Textures:** Dark fruit driven flavors of plum and blueberry jam with dusty spices with cocoa. The soft and plush tannins support the chewy and full bodied palate.

**Food Pairing:** Coffee and spice rubbed pork shoulder.

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