



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **2008 Petit Verdot, Estate**

The variety from the Bordeaux region of France (read: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot) that is very dark, very tannic, very berry. In our vineyard, it shows mostly blueberry notes, and we often pair it with blueberry biscotti, or mascarpone whipped with frozen blueberries. It has a sense it likes something vaguely sweet. And then you realize its focus in life is to enrich those wimpy, rainy years in France when the Cabernet Sauvignon just isn't quite ripe enough. This is a big wine, 100% Petit Verdot. It deserves respect. It can totally handle dark chocolate or carne asada.

Harvested: October 1st  
Brix: 26.5  
pH: 3.48  
Fermented: 1.5 ton open top fermenter for 12 days  
Pressed: direct to neutral barrels  
Alcohol: 15.1%  
Bottled: August 12th, 2011  
Production: 84 cases

Aging      Can you wait? A strong wine needs strong flavors in its youth. Drink now with spicy salty, in 1 year with bacon wrapped scallops, in 2 years with roasts, in 5 years sipping with most anything. Age up to 10 years.