



# Herrera

2012

## VALERIA PETIT VERDOT

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### STARTING IN THE VINEYARD

From bud-break to harvest, near-perfect conditions resulted in fruit of optimal ripeness, balance, and quality. The 2012 vintage is being heralded as one of Napa Valley's best. Our Linda Vista vineyard is located on the valley floor and basks in the warmth of the hot summer days. Our philosophy is to wait for the perfect ripeness of flavors, tannins and seeds before picking. This ensures superbly balanced and textured wines.

### TO THE CELLAR

Rolando's goal is to embrace the true character of this varietal and not squander its natural bold structure. We extract as much tannin as possible and age it for 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

### IN YOUR GLASS

Deep ruby red in color, with notes of ripe blackberry, licorice, fresh ground pepper, and a hint of toasted oak. On the palate, it exhibits flavors of black cherry, fennel, and spices, with structured tannins and excellent depth and concentration.

### ON YOUR TABLE

This wine is already a meal in a glass. Aromas of smoked brisket make us want to drive down to Texas for some BBQ, stat. Alternatively, jump on a plane to Rome for some rigatoni with spicy sausage.

**Vintage** 2012

**Varietal** 100% Malbec

**Appellation** Oak Knoll

**Vineyard** Linda Vista

**Oak** 100% new French oak

**Aging** 22 months

**Alcohol** 14.7%

**Production** 65 cases