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N^o. **L2.2**

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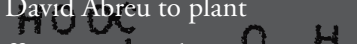
2012 EXPERIMENT L2.2: A LUSTROUS & LAYERED LEFT BANK BLEND

In 2000, we worked with Vineyard Manager David Abreu to plant a veritable mosaic of Bordeaux varietals on different rootstocks in our vineyard. Since our wines are estate-produced, this combination of clones and rootstocks allows us to create complete and balanced wines year after year, regardless of differing vintage conditions. One of the tools in our toolbox is Merlot, which ripens up early and puts flesh on the bones of the highly structured Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2012 Experiment L2.2 wine celebrates the intermingling of these iconic grapes. In this concise and polished blend, the articulate Cabernet Sauvignon sets the stage, contributing black cherry, boysenberry, anise and ample tannins, and then the Merlot steps in, rounding out and softening the wine while adding silky texture and plush red fruit.

AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker*

AUGUST 29, 2014



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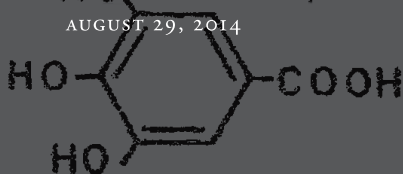
Petit Verdot, that is. Petit Verdot is a grape that is usually used in very small quantities (like 2% or 3%) in Bordeaux blends, adding deep notes, purple pigment and spiciness to the mix.

Ovid's Petit Verdot comes from a tiny block and is unusually rich and balanced—especially so in 2012—which inspired us to give it a more prominent role in our latest Experiment blend.

The 2012 Experiment V6.2 wine is made from the dynamic duo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, along with almost 20% Petit Verdot. Cabernet Sauvignon contributes great structure plus boysenberry and black cherry, while Cabernet Franc adds violets, sage, and lush red fruit. Complementing these is the Petit Verdot, with its concentrated and savory bass notes of cardamom, allspice, blackberry and bacon. Experiment V6.2 has depth, dimension, and one more v-word: Verve.

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