

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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2021 FUERZA PETIT VERDOT

"Strength"

WINEMAKER NOTES

Inky black and impenetrable color with highly perfumed aromas of five spice, pink peppercorn, mulberry and sage. Fragrant black tea, juicy blackberry and ripe black cherry. Supple and elegant on the palate with surprising finesse. Typical Fuerza structure with a massive quantity of remarkable high-quality tannins: ultra fine and delicately layered like cocoa powder. Dark chocolate covered Luxardo cherries rolled in espresso grounds. I love the dichotomy between dark and brooding alongside suave and refined. Foot in both worlds. Perhaps my favorite Fuerza since Humberto made the first modern-era Fuerza in 2014. Poised and poetic wine. Will make Petit Verdot lovers of us all.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 150

Blend: 100% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.2%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley **Barrel Regime:** 20 months in 80% new French oak,

20% twice used French oak, 225L

ACCOLADES

Not yet reviewed