



# 2019 PETIT VERDOT

125 CASES PRODUCED

## About Kaena Wine Company

Kaena was launched in 2001 to showcase owner and winemaker Mikael's deep passion for winemaking, especially using his favorite varietal Grenache. Mikael who is part Hawaiian and raised on the Oahu shores, uses a shortened version of his given name for the brand - Kaena - which means "potential for greatness". That "greatness" is evident in the wines - in 2006 Wine Spectator named Mikael one of the top 10 new Rhone producers. Known affectionately by his peers and fans as The Grenache King - Kaena produces 5000 cases of Rhone & other varietals with an emphasis on Grenache.

## Vineyard

- Stag Canyon Vineyard, Ballard Canyon

## Winemaking

The 2019 vintage is by far my favorite of the decade and has produced some my best work to date. Sourced from the incredible Stag Canyon Vineyard located on the eastern edge of Santa Ynez Valley with its tight spacing and rocky alluvial soils, this pristine vineyard is perfect for growing world class Bordeaux varietals. The grapes were fermented using native yeast to express the terroir of this amazing sight. The grapes were gently basket pressed prior to dryness to capture perfect balance and aged on lees for three years in seasoned French oak prior to bottling.

## Tasting Notes

Elegant aromas of blackberry, blueberry, and dark plum, along with sweet licorice, sandalwood, cured meats, blackberry crumble and white pepper. Rich upfront flavors of blackberry, blueberry, and plum are echoed in the mouth followed a rich core packed with dark chocolate, clove, leather, and blueberry pie. The finish is long and rich with velvet like tannins. Drinkable now but the wine will age for 20 years.

