

The Solar Fortún Estate:

- Solar Fortún is a family owned and operated winery that was officially established in 2010 and planted 3 years prior in 2007. Coming from a background in theoretical and natural physics, (both of Santiago's parents are professors of physics at the university in Ensenada), the plan for this estate was methodical and precise, with no consideration left unattended.
- Fully sustainable, (and idyllic to the point of being completely transportive) the only non-renewable resource they use in their operation is the fuel that runs their tractor. As the harvests, and almost all of the work in the vineyards is done by hand, it doesn't get used much!
- All grapes are estate grown in an organically farmed vineyard site at 1,100 ft elevation in the northern most section of the valley, approximately 15 miles from the Pacific in a part of the valley called Francisco Zarco. The confining walls are so tight at this point that they create more of a canyon than a valley. This creates a unique micro climate where the temperature differential between the mountainsides and the valley floor generates a nearly constant breeze eliminating the risk of cluster rot or powdery mildew. This cooler climate also plays a role in the high natural acidity of these wines and their very prevalent floral components.

Total production: 18.5 acres under vine, 10 wines, 3,000 cases



2021 Petit Verdot - Solar Fortún

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:

Why does a 100% Petit Verdot do so well in the little microclimate in which this boutique estate is nestled? One really must wonder how a grape that would rip your face off if bottled as a varietal wine in France comes across as so balanced and elegant in this region. This wine is yet another excellent example of a wine made in a place where place matters. Full bodied and full of juicy structure to be sure, this is also layered with silky tannins and generous expression of raspberry, crushed herbs and plums. A delight that will age well.

Drinking window: Now - 15 years

Vintage:

2021

Blend:

100% Petit Verdot

Producer:

Solar Fortún

Winemaker:

Santiago Lopez - Mexican

Vineyards:

Valle de Guadalupe, ejido de Francisco Zarco - Estate vineyards in a tight valley with sandy soils of decomposed sandstone and some red clay. Vines were planted in 2007 and the elevation is 1,100 ft.

Winemaking:

Fermented in stainless steel tanks for 2 weeks and then racked to American oak barrels and aged for 12 months.

Sulfites: 30 ppm

Farming:

Organic, sustainable

Alcohol:

13.7%