## BRION ECOTONE VINEYARD PROPRIETARY ARD 2021

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A BLEND OF 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% petit verdot & 2% merlot

CABERNET SAUVIGNON: BLOCK: 11B :: CLONE: 7

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MERLOT: BLOCK: 8 :: CLONE: 181

PETIT VERDOT: BLOCK: 12 :: FORMAN CLONE

DEGRADED TUFA TO SANDY LOAM SOILS
HILLSIDE SLOPE :: 800 FEET
EAST SIDE SLOPE, WEST/NORTHWEST FACING

2021 VINTAGE

14.8% ALCOHOL :: 5 BARRELS

WINEMAKER: JULIEN FAYARD

## BRION

## PROPRIETARY RED

ECOTONE VINEYARD



Respect. History. Highest Quality. Singularity.

Many rare qualities come together in this 22-acre site located above the valley floor at 800 feet on a secluded slope between St. Helena and Howell Mountain. The vineyard was planted by David Abreu in 1990 in order to create a classic Bordeaux-style blend. The Ecotone Proprietary Red exemplifies an ideal wine for Brion Wise, a combination of science and magic: a wine of the world that can only come from a well-chosen site that has been meticulously farmed.

Located in the "ecotone" between the valley and the mountain, as the name implies, this vineyard occupies one of those middle spaces, the hillside and benchland plantings increasingly recognized as sources of some of the best fruit in the Napa Valley, arguably in the world.

For 2021, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon were co-fermented for a more complete integration. Red fruit and dark berry brings vibrant ripe flavors and aromatics to the powerful core, mingling with the dominant Cabernet flavors to create a satisfying tannin structure.