

**The Solar Fortún Estate:**

- **Founded:** Solar Fortún is a family owned and operated winery officially established in 2010 though the vineyards were planted 3 years prior in 2007.
- **Region and grape source** - Estate vineyards in Valle de Guadalupe.
- **Vineyard location, elevation and grape varieties:** All grapes are sourced from estate vineyard is a section of Valle de Guadalupe called Francisco Zarco. Their vineyards are organically farmed and planted at an elevation of 1,100 ft in sandy soils of decomposed sandstone and some red clay, approximately 15 miles from the Pacific. They work with Mourvèdre, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Roussanne, Viognier, and Marsanne
- **Winemaker** - Santiago Lopez
- **Notes:**
  - With it's founders 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.
  - The winery is 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!
  - The confining walls of the valley in this location are so tight that it is more aptly called canyon. 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.
  - The name Solar Fortun is a combination of a reference to the Francisco Zarco, (a political journalist in 1850's who wrote under the pseudonym "Fortún"), and the word "solar", which is defined as "a plot of land in the countryside that that receives ample sunlight. Since the closest town to their vineyards is named Francisco Zarco, they found this a fitting name to symbolize their intention to make wines with a deeply rooted sense of Place.

**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 Fortun

**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%